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New Year's Day. Bright, cold but exhilarating. Thermometer at 1.am, reported as  $\underline{only}$   $\underline{3}^{\circ}$  degrees ^above^ zero, which is encouraging after the figures quoted below that point, for one recent day, the thermometer in this city, showed the next lowest range to that of Mt. Washington!

Came to the Gallery at 11 ½ a.m. & read the papers, then sallied to pay three private calls, and enjoy the animated scenes in the streets. The sleighing was fine, and many of them were filled with officers in their regimentals, going to & fro the President's House. The attendance was large, but it was neglect very cruel indeed, that failed to remove the deep snow from the inclosure in front of the White House, where the long line of carriage-horses stood for an hour, knee-deep in the snow.

Very few persons called expecting to find the Gallery open.

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Sunday.

Jany 3.

Bright and very cold.

Arrival of Porter's picture.

Mr. Porter's picture of Miss Maud Howe of Boston, which he wishes to be designated as a "Portrait of a Lady," arrived at the Gallery before I got here, as I expected. I was glad to see it again here, as the Gallery's property. I examined it with great interest, & saw that he had not only cleaned & revarnished it, but also retouched parts. There was previously an awkward outline upon the left side of the skirt of the dress, and I was pleased to see that it had been altered to a graceful curve. There a signs of a few retouches of rosy tint upon the cheeks, but I may be mistaken. The picture looks more beautiful than ever. The lovely face, sweet mouth, & general expression of thoughtful repose here still their old charm undiminished. The <u>Dog</u> too – such a contrast between its ugly pug face, & beautiful one above it – still amazes us by its vigorous handling, All the artists with a few insignificant exceptions, consider it a master-piece, and a most instructive example to students.

Porter's picture paid for, \$1,500

I sent word of its arrival to Mr Corcoran who soon came attended by Miss Jones & Miss Robinson, & all were delighted with it. I gave Mr Porter's address to Mr Hyde, who sent

a cheque for the purchase- money - \$1,500. The <u>second</u> great purchase by Mr Corcoran, who proves, as matters stand, a first rate Art-Committee!

Noble's "Rehearsal"

A note from Mr Greenleaf, Boston Museum, stating that Noble's picture of the "Rehearsal", is well-painted, but not interesting to <u>them</u>. It represents a lot of circus-men & jugglers looking at the rehearsal of a young member. It was returned to the artist a fortnight previously. Size 3 ½ x 2 ½ feet. He does not know the cost of a cast of Canova's Three Graces.

Portrait of Genl. J.E. Eaton offered.

Note from Mr J.B. Randolph, 2r Mr. Gl.'s office offering to sell a portrait (52 years old) of Genl John E. Eaton, Secy of War to Prest. Jackson, said to be by Sully. Price \$60.

Acceptance of Mr Corcoran's offer for the Chialivas. ↑frs.↓ 10,000.

Mr Andrews left a letter to him from R.H. Tripp, Paris, in which Mr Corcoran's offer of 10,000 francs for the two pastoral landscapes by Chialiva is accepted. Sent a notice of the new pictures & exhibits to the "Star". Visitors 67 \$14.00 Catalogues 8 \$2.00 P. \$3.50

#### January 4

Another snow-storm, beginning this morning. Temperature milder.

Name of the artist of the "Old Woman"

Card from Mr Koehler, Boston, asking of the name of the artist on the "Old Woman" is not that of C.P. Verhulst, B who lived between 177 & 18'.

Tried a re-hanging of the pictures in the east end of the Main Gallery, & was satisfied that my plan for the change to be made there when the new pictures are taken there, will please. It will necessitate the removal of several small ones to the East or West Gallery, where they will look equally well. By this <u>rehearsal</u> of the new arrangement, time will be saved when the change is made.

At Mr Hyde's request, sent for Smilie to photograph Huntington's "Col. Tayloe" similar to Mrs. Tayloe's, & send 6 copies to Mrs. Price N.Y. Smilie will come tomorrow. V. 266 C. 20 \$5.00 P. \$2.75

## January 5

Mr Porter's objection to the title of "Portrait of a Lady."

Letter from Mr Porter again raising the question of a proper title to his picture! He states that lady whose portrait it is object to "Portrait of a Lady," & he wishes some other one adopted, & gives several specimens, asking me to show the letter to Mr Corcoran. In reply I reminded him that the title objected to was designated by him – that when the picture was here 3 years ago, the <u>Lady</u>'s <u>friends</u> had <u>bruited</u> whose portrait it was, & that altogether it was the best, but would consult Mr Corcoran. The only explanation of this fastidiousness of Mr Porter, is the reported tenderness of his regard for the fair subject.

Mr Andrews called. He admires Porter's picture very much. Letter from John Cranch, artist, Urbana, O. about his portrait of Henry Clay by C.B. King, & his "Butler".

Cloudy, mild, and the sleety streets make dangerous walking though.

Shewed Mr Porter's letter to Mr Corcoran (who is complaining much), and at my suggestion he thought "Lay & Dog", & wrote to that effect to the artist.

Name of artist of "Old Woman", where to be found

Postal card from Mr Koehler, Boston, stating that "C.P. Verhulst" is to be found in "Muller's Kunstlerlexikon". We have not this work. This is valuable information.

Letter from Williams & Everett of Jan 1st. advising me that they had sent the Tilton pictures as freight.

Mr. Matthews called.

Received from Wm. J. Rhees, Smithsonian Institution, his volume of "Life & Writings of James Smithson".

V. 33 + 5 \$8.24 C. 7 \$1.75 \$3.40

#### January 6

Cloudy, mild & thawing. Fearful state of the streets.

Signs of leaks in the angles of the upper galleries, & around the rain-spouts.

Note from Mr Noble about his "Rehearsal". Will send it.

Gave to Mr S. H. Kauffman, the names of Tilton's pictures to be sent here, & told him not to notice hem in the "Star," until they arrived here.

Wrote to Mr J.B. Randolph, declining the Genl. J.E. Eaton portrait.

Notified Dr Welling of the arrival of "Sheep-shearing" by Mr Shirlaw.

Mr Flaherty (tinner) came & reported gutters & water-spouts near the roofs frozen up: hence the leaks.

V. 320 C. 22 \$5.50 P. \$3.95

#### January 7

Cloudy & mild, at an early hour, the pavements icy, but thawing afterwards. Another "cold wave" predicted to-day.

Mr Shirlaw writes he is going to England on 8th. & refers to Mr L. Manchester 124. E. 25th. N.Y. Will send London address.

Note from Miss Spear, Albemarle Institute Charlottesville Va. requesting 2 catalogues, rec'd 53 in stamps for them, sent them and wrote.

On examination of the drain near the Janitor's kitchen, found the <u>goose-neck</u> carrying off the water was filled with sand.

V. 75 + 4 \$18.75 C. 6 \$1.50 P. \$6.00

<u>Dr. Welling</u> called, & discussed some modifications of copyists' rules.

<u>Mr Corcoran</u> called. He favors the purchase of Appleton's Cyclopedia & casts.

Mr Spofford called & at his request will serve as a Committee to recive Librarians' Convention.

Mr Gilmore of Balt to see Col. Tayloe's portrait, & shewed him the St. Memin volume.

### January 8.

Cloudy & cold. Slush of yesterday now frozen.

Mr Cranch's "Clay" by King

Letter from Mr Cranch artist, referring to his "Clay" picture. Will not 'take' less than \$200 for it, without frame. He will write to Mr Fletcher to send it here by 10th. Hard at work on my Annual Report.

Dr Welling called & discussed further amendments to Copyists' Regulations. Mr Matthews called.

Hero & Leander for exhibition

Box received from Baltimore, containing the large painting of "Hero & Leander" by Mrs. Schwing Md. which Dr. Kleinshmidt had told me would come here to be exhibited only,

& for which Mrs. S. had signed the rules. It is an agreeable picture in general design, & harmonious color, but it is weak in much of his drawing & modelling.

V. 525 C. 26 \$6.30 P. \$10.00

### January 10

Raw & raining, with sleety streets, the effects of yesterday's (Sunday) snow-storm in the morning, ending in rain that froze what a spell of weather, & what streets!

Annual Meeting Postponed

The Annual Meeting is postponed until this day week, by Mr Corcoran's request on a/c of the weather.

More & worse leaks in the Janitor's kitchen. Allowed him to use his dining-room instead.

V. 32 + 5 C. 22 \$5.50 C. 32 \$8.50

### January 11

Cloudy & very cold: icy streets & pavements dangerous. Signs of snow.

Letter from Mr Porter. He is satisfied with the new title of his picture. Hopes to visit Washington soon, & make my personal acquaintance.

Note from Lt. Reed engaging the "Watering Trough" for copying.

Visited Mr Andrews' studio, & saw his portrait of President Johnson copied from an early portrait, & a photograph.

Three water color (flower) drawings by Miss Passmore, sent here by Barlow, and they & the two removed from the Gallery upstairs, were boxed & taken away.

Another snow-storm began to fall at ¼ to 4. p.m. & was fr heavy before I reached home at 4-20 p.m!

Ordered more copies of Charlotte Corday to be sent up to us. Cloudy weather is unfavorable for printing them.

V. 325 C. 20 \$5.00 P. \$6.00

# January 12

Bright with a bracing northwester after the snow-fall last night. It is rapidly thawing, but the air is still cool, and there is a substratum of ice under it, that if it freezes to-night will be bad for pedestrians.

John Mann & F. Cassidy clean the snow off.

Letter from John Ewell Balt. asking price of photo of "Fun & Fright" and intimating that he would take 3 copies. <u>Carded</u> him the prices.

"Song of the Shirt"

Rec'd a copy of Rules for Exhibitions from New York signed by Constant Mayer, who mentions his picture as the "Song of the Shirt". He has not written about it. I saw such a picture years ago at Barlow's & did not like it.

Mr Spofford's invitation to meet a Committee of "President Librarians"

Rec'd an invitation from Congressional Librarian Spofford to meet resident Librarians at the Army Medical Museum on to-morrow at 4.p.m. to make arrangements for the conference of the "American Library Association" to be held here in Washington Feb. 9th. & 10th. 1881.

This invitation came in consequence of Mr Spofford's call on the 7th when he requested me to be on said Committee "as (in his words) there is an identity between Art & Literature. Picture Galleries & Librarians." As indeed there is.

13 copies of Corday 12 x 16

13 copies of medium-sized Cordays received from Rice five of them on gray paper.

Wrote to Mr Rhees, acknowledging receipt of his "Life and Writings of James Smithson," with thanks.

Mr. Andrews sent up his picture of President Johnson to be submitted to the Board. V. 60 \$12.00 C. 5 \$1.25 P. \$4.25

Open envelope received through the mail yesterday enclosing two cards, bearing the name of Edouard Seve, Consul General of Belgium & member of the Conference Sanitare, upon one of which is written "with the compliments of the <u>Dean</u>" evidently <u>Sir</u> Edward Thornton.

### January 13.

Partially clear, with signs of another snow.

Carl Brenner's landscape

Mr Edd. Clark trustee called and signed bills for the furniture. Admires the "Lady & Dog". I went with him to see a landscape at Hon. Proctor Knott's residence. It is a "Midsummer scene" in Kentucky by Carl C. Brenner, & painted of conventional color will make many think it too green. Mr Knott will send it here by Saturday with a letter giving price &c.

Mrs. Bell's portrait returned.

Mrs. M. G. Bell wrote to return Mrs. Bell's portrait by Andrews. It was sent to her.

Constant Mayer's "Song of a Shirt" arrived at 11.15.a.m. It is a large work and I think it is not the same I saw here some time ago. It is flat in modeling & color. The picture needs varnish. Mo letter from the artist.

Hung "Hero & Leander" by Schurz in the S. E. gallery.

Mr Smilie brought 'two' proofs of the photo of Col. Tayloe, one of them is touched over, showing more smoothness & delicacy, but less vigor. Took them to Mr Hyde, who will show them to Mr Corcoran at two o'clock, I am directed by Mr Corcoran to send them to Mrs B.O. Tayloe, care of Mrs Commodore Price, Troy N.Y. & tell her that I write at his request, & explain to her the difference in the photos.

Mr. Corcoran received a photolithographic copy of a pen & ink drawing by J.O'T.

McCarthy (a clerk) asking to exhibit the original in the Gallery.

### January 14

V. 380 C. 22 \$5.50 75cts.

Card from Miss Nettie Cole, Pervy St. Davenport, Iowa, asking for price of C. Corday. Replied, giving different copies.

Note from J. Ewell, Balt. & St. Paul Sts. Balte. enclosing \$2.25 & 15cts in stamps for 3 copies of "Fun & Fright". Sent them & wrote.

With sanction of Mr Corcoran sent complimentary card to Mr E. Seve, Belgian Consul General.

Card from James Earl & Sons Phila. ordering two each of large Corday, & single figure of Vestal." Sent them by express, & wrote. They will pay for what they owe when these arrive.

Dr Kindelberger called.

Arrival of Tilton's pictures

At noon, two boxes containing Tilton's pictures arrived. Sent Bill \$9.45 to Mr Hyde. They are of unequal merit. The view of Rome disappointed me. The "Venitian Fishing Boats" is a bright beautiful scene, and the "Temple of Minerva" is very fine. The view of Cairo is interesting The best part of all these pictures is their skies, which are beautiful.

Learning that Mrs. Profr Baird had to pay for admission to the Gallery, sent to him a note, enclosing complimentary card.

Dr Welling called & proposed to make 1879 the point from which the rule not copying certain pictures is to apply.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Robinson called & examined the Tiltons.

V. 52 + 5 \$13.00 C. 4 \$1.00 P. \$2.25

## January 15

Saturday. Another bright & bitterly cold morning. Ther at last evening. Slush of yesterday is ice to-day.

Letter from Hensel, Bruckmann & Lorbacker, Custom-house brokers N.Y. stating that the pictures by Chialiva had arrived there, and enclosing form of oath to be filled that this is a public institution, & requesting the invoice to be sent. Mr Hyde received the latter yesterday, so after making the proper application of the Secy of Treasy to pass the pictures, I sent the invoice & completed oath to the firm in a letter.

Hung the Tilton's pictures in the east-side gallery, & the "Song of the Shirt" in S. West (corner) room. The Tiltons do not appear so attractive as I expected.

Saw Mr Andrews who goes to Ohio for a week from to-morrow. He asks \$150. for the Prest. Johnson portrait.

Mrs. Colburn sent for & got her Bishop Whittingham portrait. Wrote to Williams & Everett, Boston, acknowledging Tilton's pictures. Some woman behaved badly in the Ladies Room in abusing the furniture, & when reproved, insulted the Janitor's sister.

Mr Brady called & wishes to sell a copy of the crayon drawing of the late Dr J.C. Hall, to this Gallery.

Mr Jenkins artist called a good miniature of Mrs Belknap on ivory. V. 550 C. \$4.25

### January 17

Letter from the Asst. Secy of Treasy, stating that on the 75th. orders had been sent to the N.Y.C. House to pass free Chialiva's pictures.

Note from E. T. Tilton, Chicago, Stewart collection asking if we had photographs of Ezekiel's "Phidias".

Rec'd 1st no. of London Illustrated News" from B.F. Stevens London.

Lt. Reed called & took leave, being ordered to Louisiana very sorry to part with him, as he is a gentleman & artist.

Mr Rogers called to overhaul electric lighting apparatus.

Engaged in preparing my money a/c of Contingent Fund. An unaccountable deficiency of near \$15.

Mr. Brenner's landscapes.

Hon Proctor Knott, Ky, came with a letter to the Trustees in behalf of two landscapes by Carl Brenner, representing Kentucky scenery. The pictures were sent up & represent a "Midsummer brook scene" framed, & another with rocks, & more open. The first is a faithful close study of nature at the season designated, showing through deep green trees a glimpse of the brook. The principal trees in the foreground are beeches spotted with moss & the flat ground beneath is painted very well. At first many object to the excessive greeness of the work, but it grows upon the eye, as very truthful. It has no figures. The other picture is of warmer tone.

Miss Welling called, & admired the Tilton pictures.

Annual Meeting of Board

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held to-night. Present all the members except Mr Walters & Mr Cooke. Mr. Corcoran was also absent from indisposition. The usual Reports from the committees & the curator. Dr Jas. C. Welling was elected President in place of the late Dr J.C. Hall.

Several applications to sell pictures from Mr Shirlaw, Mr Knott, Mr Andrews, & Mr Tilton, & Mr. Brady were laid on the table.

Mr Matthews submitted an amended body of By-laws which were formally adopted. Mr G.W. Riggs having resigned the office of Treasurer, Mr Hyde is appointed to discharge its duties with those of Secretary.

The funds of the institution transferred for the present from the Finance Committee to the control & advice of Mr Corcoran.

Rules for Copyists & Contd Fund Appleton's Cyclopedia & Casts recommended by Curator ordered

Contingent Fund of \$100 voted to the Curator.

Dr. Welling reported amended Rules for copyists: discussed & adopted. The Curator was authorized to purchase a copy of Appleton's Cyclopedia, and the purchase of casts recommended by the Curator was ordered to be made by the Art Committee as follows: "Hermes", \\$75.0\rangle Flying Mercury", \about \\$50\rangle "Cupid" \\$41.24\rangle "David & Goliah" \\$39.67\rangle "Singing Boys" \\$25\rangle "Sacrifice of Isaac" \\$20.00\rangle. The night-exhibitions (weekly) to begin on Thursday Jan. 20.

Mr Frank Martin's resignation of his position accepted, & his brother Richard appointed in his place.

Miss M.A. Berry's application for reduction of interest, referred to the Finance Committee. All the officers of the Gallery were re-elected.

V. 80 \$18.75 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$2.25

### January 18

Bright and cold.

Letter from Customs Broker n.Y. asking if we got articles <u>free</u>. Replied by telegram we do, & that Secy Treasy had ordered to pass them.

Mr Tilton's visit & pictures

Mr Tilton the artist came in. He is a gentlemanly person & was surprised his paintings were so long coming. He appeared to like the position of two of his pictures, but was sorry the view of Rome could not have greater distance, which is not possible, owing to the narrowness of the side-gallery. He asked if it could not be placed in the main gallery, but that I explained was against the rule. The "Temple of Minerva" & the "Cairo" please me most, but even the foregrounds of them as those of the others, are worked in a conventional, <u>baked</u> manner, not at all pleasing or natural. The skies of all are beautiful. The "Rome" I consider very much over-rated indeed the prices of all, are deemed rather high for their merit.

Mr McCarthy, whose pen-drawing, Mr Corcoran has allowed to be exhibited in the gallery, called. He evidently considers his work, one of art. He will bring it on 1st of February.

Dr Welling brought amended Rules for copyists. They were sent to the printer – the proof to be sent to him.

Sent advertisement of night exhibition to the "Star" – 2 insertions. Mr Richard Martin on duty, as his brother's successor. Dr Singleton of "Smithsonian" inquired of what stone the building is.

Newton's men resumed oiling the front of the building.

V. 425 C. 21 \$5.25 P. \$1.25

## January 19.

Raw cloudy, and sleety.

Letter from Customs Broker N.Y. My telegram recd, & Secy of Treasy's order also. Will forward the case of pictures as soon as passed.

Mr Tilton called, & concluded that the position of all his pictures was satisfactory, & was satisfied I could not do better with the "Rome", unless placed in the Main Gallery, which I again stated I had no authority to do. Some outsider had foolishly suggested to him that it might be placed on one side of the door, but I shewed him, the picture was too long for that.

He tells me that the "Juno" cast ought to be placed low, as Winckelman placed it low in the Ludovisi where it still stands. This surprises me, that such a colossal head could look well in a low position, where it would dwarf all surroundings head of natural or heroic size. Mr Tilton promises to send me photographs of statues in the Ludovisi. He is delighted with the arrangement of our casts, & says he has seen nothing like it.

Mr Hyde tells me that Ezekiel had sent a letter to Mr Corcoran containing a list of the subjects for the 7 new statues. I have not seem the letter of the list. It is a pity it is not on our files. Mr Hyde also asked if Mrs Tayloe's photographs had been sent to her, as she had written to Mr Corcoran that they had not come. I found they had packed but inadvertently not sent off. Wrote to Mrs. Tayloe and despatched the photos.

Wrote to Messrs Williams & Everett's about the arrival of Tilton's pictures.

Mr Corcoran sent to tell me to call on my way home. Newton's men engaged in oiling the front.

The Massachusetts Press Association visited the Gallery.

Sent a advertisement (one insertion) of night-exhibition to "Post" & Republican.

Wrote to J.W. Bouton, N.Y. requesting them to stop subscription to the "Portfolio" for 1881, but would pay for Jan. 1, no we had rec'd.

Sent an abstract of my Annual Report to the "Star".

Saw Mr Corcoran at 4 p.m. He was down stairs, but looked pale & feeble. He asked about the Tayloe photographs, & had worried about the failure to send them. He said Mr Tilton had called & spoke of some of his pictures being not well-hung, whereupon I stated the case to him that Mr Tilton had expressed his satisfaction with the way I had hung 3, but that I was not authorized to place the "Rome" in the Main Gallery.

V. 40 + 137 (free C. 35 \$8.75 P. \$4.25

### January 20

Milder but rainy. Snow gradually thawing. Raw, foggy, with signs of snow & rain.

Gibson Bros sent up proof of copyists' rules. Sent them with a note to Dr Welling who returned them with a few emendations. Sent them to printer – 300 copies ordered.

"Star's article on the hanging of Tilton's pictures

Last night's "Star" contained an article on Tilton's pictures in which it said "unfortunately they were not hung in a way to afford the light & distance, required to study them satisfactorily". As Tilton had yesterday expressed his satisfaction with their position, I was vexed by this situation, & when he & Mr Clarke came in this morning, I expressed my surprise to him. He was hurt at the article, & I learned that Mr Kauffman had not seen the article. Mr T repeated his satisfaction with what I had done. I dropped a note to Mr Kauffman about the article, & he replied explaining that the article was written on Mr Tilton's first account of the hanging, but in the afternoon he had told him he was then satisfied. Mr K. said it was too late to alter the article. I wonder though he did not take it out. He offered if I wished, to print an explanation, but I begged him not to do so. I have no doubt of his & Tilton's aversion to do me injustice, but it is an illustration of how mischievous such paragraphs are in print if 'facts' are not understood.

Mr Tilton leaves & says Crawford's statuary is bought by Mr Corcoran Gallery

Mr Tilton before bidding good bye (he sails for Europe on 26th. expressed his pleasure & thanks over my assistance. He authorizes me to send for any of his pictures at Williams & Everett. He says Mr Corcoran had bought <u>Crawford's</u> marbles, offered to him before. Bill for \$10. for Portfolio sent on by J. W. Bouton N.Y.

Mr Curtis of Boston remarked that Tilton's pictures did not make a very favorable impression – "being too much hawked about"!

Miss Langley of N.H. a cousin of Mr Tilton, was anxious to meet him. Card from S.R. Koehler, Boston, asking about Washington Art Club, replied that it would hold reception & exhibition on the 29.

1st Night Exhibition

Night Exhibition. The weather was rainy, & the attendance slim - left at 9 ½, under a shower with sleet. For the first time saw the effect of gas-light on the ceiling. It was superb.

Visitors (Day) 470 C. 35 \$8.75 P. \$4.70 Visitors (Night) 118 C. 16 4.00

588 51 \$12.75

### January 21

Milder but rainy, snow gradually thawing.

Mr Clarke came & talked over the insufficiency of gaslight. He thinks it difficult to remedy, but if a <u>governor</u> is applied to upper part of supply pipe to burners of M. Gallery, 'it' may help. Mr Hyde came & got name & date of Lami's painting of "Battle of Yorktown," for some one who wrote to Mr Corcoran. He states too that Mr Corcoran is dissatisfied with the mention Brown's portrait of Genl. Clingman to the Gallery in my printed abstract of Annual Report. Why I can't imagine, as it was accepted by the Trustees, & of course would rightly figure in the list of additions to the gallery.

Mr Rogers electrician, sent in his bill \$240, referred to Mr Hyde for approval.

Note from J.W. Bouton N.Y. stating that their copies of the Portfolio had just arrived, & therefore our copy for January /81, must have come from some other source. It was sent by B.F. Stevens, London.

Mr Newton's men are oiling the west side of gallery.

Judge French called, & admired the new pictures.

The first number of the London Art Journal from B. F. Stevens, London, was received.

Maj. Darling husband of the lady who exhibits here the ecclesiastical picture of "Mercedes", called & will leave it.

V. 42 + 4 \$10.50 C. 10 \$2.50

### January 22

A bright sun at last, & mild weather, snow melting rapidly.

Note from Miss Nettie Cole, Davenport, Iowa, enclosing stamps for Corday 75cts, & 7cts. for postage. Mailed it & wrote to her.

Men oiling north & south ends of the west side of building.

Gave to Gibson an order for 500 blank receipts, & sent him order to print off 300 copies of Rules for copyists.

Got check for \$100, on a/c of Contingent Fund.

Saw Mr Rice. He will send some Cordays' to-day.

Amended Rules ordered printed.

Messrs Hyde & Matthews being disposed to think the amended rules reported by Dr J. C. Welling were to be again submitted for final action of the Board. I sent Dr Barbarin with the proceedings of the last meeting & Dr Welling's letter to me & Mr Hyde, who then saw that no further action by the Board was necessary.

Mr Hyde has ordered a telephone for this room.

Mr & Mrs. Clark called & went through the galleries.

R.W. Lowrie of this city, asks who painted Burial of Moses? Replied.

Dr Welling called. Thinks "Copyists" Rules' all right, & that the mention of Genl.

Clingman's picture in my printed Abstract was correct, but not any notice of Mr Corcoran having purchased any works. This last objections is very strange, for I have always had Mr C's sanction to such statements.

23 Cordays sent up from Mr Rice. 7 on gray paper.

Mr Corcoran called but does not like the Tilton pictures.

V. 750 C 28 \$7.00 \$14.50

### January 24

Bright and pleasantly cool.

Saw Mr Corcoran, on Saturday afternoon. He looked feeble. It seems he did not complain to Mr Hyde of my having noticed in my printed Abstract, the <u>Clingman</u> portrait, as Mr H. told me. He however spoke of the Abstract having stated that Mr Matthews is Prest. & Mr Hyde as Vice Pres. He spoke as if it were really so, and therefore I feared it was so; but afterwards found he was mistaken. He spoke highly of two of Mr Tilton's pictures, & I think it is likely he will buy "The Temple of Minerva" & the "Fishing Boats".

- J. Hammond 'Balt' wishes for a list of photos. Sent them.
- R. E. Neil sent \$3.00. Gave it to Williams & returned Bill.

Rec'd Invitation to 23d. Exhibition of Boston Art Club, Jan. 27.

Committee on Loan Exhibitions, met here at 10 a.m. & I explained the necessity of having size & name & date of each picture of vase &c. They will assemble in this room, on Thursday Jan. 27 at 7 o'clock.

### Telephone put up.

Mr. came by Mr Hyde's order, & put up a telephone; the wires extending the cellar up the courts, & over the tops of houses. It is done by the National Telephone Co.

Mrs. E.K. Baker "Station Boy" & "Bohemian" 487. Prospect St. Buffalo

Mrs. E. K. Baker artist sent up exhibition & sale, at painting "Italian Boy"- \$75.00 – another The Bohemian will be sent up tomorrow- \$2.50. The ^head of the ^ first is spirited & good, but the drapery is too rough & the other accessories coarse & in definite – Munich style.

Dr Barbarin went on jury duty to-day but soon returned.

Recd from Rice some <u>un</u>mounted photos of large <u>entire</u> "vestal" but was surprised to find he charges only 15cts. less on each.

Recd. some <u>un</u>mounted photos of "Lost Dogs", but found there were some better ones here.

Mr Corcoran called & was very much pleased with Brenner's picture of "Midsummer". Also Miss Welling & Mr Wigfull.

Mr Andrews called here after I left to visit the house where the Art Loan Art Exhibition is to be held.

Gibson Bros. sent up the copies of "Rules for Copyists".

V. 83 + 105 \$20.75 C. 10 \$2.50

#### January 25

Cloudy & raw – signs of snow. A little fell at 9 a.m.

Dr Barbarin left at 9.30 a.m. for the jury bench.

Left printed directions to use the telephone & said a call was made for me at 9.15. I called to know who wanted me, and was answered. "a <u>boy</u> who had gone to his breakfast."

Mr Hyde came in & stated that he had purchased tickets for 300 messages in one year. His telephone is not yet up.

Flaherty's bill & cheque left with me to pay him.

Mr Winslow, 1. Grant Place brought up another head by Mrs Baker, but thought he had mistaken the one he was to bring, as both the pictures are of girls, & one on the card left by Mrs B. ought to be a boy.

Dr Morison, Provost of the Peabody Institute, called & examined the arrangement of our bas-reliefs in the Renaissance Gallery. Gave him the address of Dielitz of Berlin to get a cast of "Hermes."

Mrs Wm. J. Rhees with friends called to see the new pictures.

Miss Parker copyist of casts applied for leave to copy pictures in the Gallery. She received a copy of the amended Rules for copyists, & will call again.

Dr Jouy sent 50 small Corday photos. & 55 steregrams of Greek Slave, also he presented to me two copies of photographs from portrait of Mrs. Madison.

Left the Gallery at 2 p.m. to attend meeting of the Art Committee of the Art Loan Exhibition at the house of Mr J.V. McGuire.

Found that nearly all the large photos of entire subject of "Tuccia" are defective & will return them to Rice.

V. 440 C. 29 \$7.25 P. \$10.50

### January 26

Bright, bracing & pleasant.

Met Miss Emery (daughter of ex-Mayor) at the Gallery at 9.15 a.m. & went with her to the residence of Mr Mullett architect, to examine some bronzes &c which Mrs. M. at once offered for the use of the Loan Exhibition. I took a list of some, very fine.

Dr Barbarin left at 9.30 for the Jury box.

Miss Baker's pictures

Mr Winslow bron called & stated that he had mistaken the head he was to leave here by Miss Baker's direction, but when I proposed to send the third & best to the Art Loan Exhibition he concluded not to take it to Mrs. Waite, but consult her about it. Mentions his wife will write to Miss B. for her consent to exhibiting it there.

Letter from Mrs Com. Rice, Troy, acknowledging the photos of Col. Tayloe's portrait, which she will return tomorrow, and designate which Mrs Tayloes prefers. She thinks the retouched photo, is preferable, & that four copies will suffice.

Card from Mrs John. L. Manning, Fulton P.O. S. Ca. asking for address of Mr <u>Thos</u>. P. Healy, artist." Replied to her by card.

New Rules for Copyists issued

Distributed new rules for copyists to the copyists.

Mr Matthews brought his By Laws, & requests that they be printed a <u>few days before</u> any special meeting.

Received from some one unknown to me, a copy of the Feb. no. of "Scribner" addressed to me.

Mr Corcoran does not intend to buy Crawford's Statuary.

Mr Corcoran called. Read Mrs Price's letter to him. He wants a dozen copies printed, six to be sent to Mrs. Tayloe. He says he said nothing to Mr. Tilton about buying the statuary of Crawford. As I expected Tilton <del>confounded</del> mistook the name of Crawford as one of the subjects of the <u>niche</u> statues ordered with <del>what h</del> the unsold marbles of C.

Wrote to D. Appleton & Co. to know the cost of their "Cyclopedia", in various styles of binding.

C.W. Peale's Washington

Mr Titian Peale son of Charles Wilson & brother of Rembrandt Peale called to see if I could exhibit in a good light his father's portrait of Washington taken about the time of the battle of Princeton, & which the Library Committee of Congress wishes to see for purchase. Offered him the only place now eligible on one side of the door of the East Gallery. He telegraphed to know the width of the frame.

The copyists generally have signed & returned "Regulations".

V. 71 + 22 \$17.75 C. 10 \$2.50 P. \$2.25

### **25 January 27**

Bright & very cold but bracing.

Dr Barbarin left at 9.30 a.m. for the court-house.

Mr Rice sent up a large photo of the front of the Building. It is rather dark, but shows the niche-statues with fine effect. I returned to Mr Rice several large photos of <u>entire</u> Vestal", & called his attention to the defect in them, which instructed their sale.

Small Corday, & G. Slave form Jouy.

Examined & accepted 45 small "<u>cordays</u>" & rejected <u>five</u> and accepted all the stereos of "Greek Slave" (57 in no.) sent by Dr Jouy.

Letter from Mr Dellenbaugh, Booth Theatre's Building, asking to send his "Grand Canon &c" to care of Renner & Co 719. 6th Avenue, N. York. Ordered it to be sent. Boxed & ready. Carded Mr D.' it was sent.

Arrival of Chialiva's pictures

Mr Corcoran called. He states that Mr Hyde will see Mr Cooke as to resigning his trusteeship, so that the Board can remodel the committees. The <u>Chialiva</u> pictures arrived while Mr C. was here, & he waited to see them unboxed. He was disappointed with their <u>size</u>, while I was disappointed with their work. They are pleasing but not up to the standard they ought to possess. Spotty reds in the turkies of one, & the children are not sweetly painted at all. The frame is slightly injured.

Dr Welling called & said the catalogue must wait until the appointment of the committees.

The photos. arrived to-day from Mrs. Price, & the soft retouched copy of Col. Tayloe's portrait is selected. Sent an order to Smilie for 12 copies of it.

There was a good attendance at the Gallery at night. A <u>catalogue Committee</u> of the Art Loan Exhibition met <del>at</del> in this office at 7 1/2.

Day V. 500 C. 28 \$7.00 P. \$5.00 Night V. 320 \$30.00 C. 17 4.25 Total V. 820 30.00 45 \$1.25 5.00

# January 28

Bright and bitterly cold.

Telegram late last night from the N.Y. broker that the box of paintings had arrived.

Mr Clark trustee called with a friend. Mr Newton came at the same time to inquire 'if' the work of oiling was satisfactory.

Letter from Appleton &Co giving prices for their Cyclopedia – cloth. 5.00 per vol: Sheep  $6.00 \frac{1}{2}$  Morocco 7.00. Russia 8.00 with Index & annuals for  $\frac{76}{77}$  & 78 & 79, all same price per vol.

Dr Barbarin left seal word that Mr Hyde left telephoned for the seal of seal of the Institute to be sent him to-day.

Mr Andrews called, & I explained to him the action of the Board about the pictures submitted at their last meeting. Will send the A. Johnson to him for alteration.

I sent the picture & the vol. of Presidents from this Library.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Robinson called. He approves of my placing the new pictures in the 'Main' Gallery, without waiting for the new catalogue. Miss R. likes Brenner's landscape very much.

Mr Miller artist called. He does not like the "Brenner", but admires the "Bakers".

Rec'd from Appleton &Co. a specimen of Index to their Cyclopedia.

Rec'd from A. S. Barnes &Co N.Y. for subsn. to International Review -- \$5.00. Sent the amt to them with bill.

Rice sent good photos. of "Vestal" entire in place of bad ones.

V. 62 + 8 \$15.50 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$3.75

### January 29

Still cold but moderating towards afternoon – cloudy.

Began placing the new pictures in the Main Gallery at 9 a.m. & finished with the side-galleries at 2 p.m. The introduction of the "Sacred Bull" "Lady & Dog" & the "Chialivas" in the southeast panel a perfect success on the line, but I need a few more 'temple' heads to strengthen the all above the line. Mr Corcoran came in with some friends & was delighted with the effect.

Mr. F. B. McGuire called & asked me to attend a meeting of the Art Committee of the Loan Exhibition at his house.

Mr Newton brought his bill: oiling stonework \$100.89 Painting cellar door \$1.75, do Gallery Wall \$1.76 3.51 \$104.40

The oil cost \$40.63 Work 100.89 Cost of oiling Building 141.52

Mr Hyde sent for letters about the "Chialiva". & 10.000 francs were sent to Goupil & Co. Paris, in payment for them.

Dr Jouy's bill certified for \$16.37.

Mrs. Winslow called to see about Miss Baker's pictures. I will write to Miss B. asking if she can let the last picture be sent to the Loan Exhibition. Wrote to her.

V. 550 C. 25 \$6.25 P. 75cts

#### January 21

Cloudy & mild – but very raw towards night.

Letter from Dellenbaugh artist N. York stating the frame of his picture arrived "very badly damaged" & charging the Gallery with carelessness in packing. Replied to his complaint in a suitable way.

Letter from Earle & Sons Phila. ordering two large "Vestal" photos. (figure) & the bill for all. Sent them & wrote, \$18.00.

Letter from Mr Koehler, Boston, sending a lot of etchings from "Art Review", a present to the Gallery. They are a fine collection indeed.

Two bills sent up from Boardman.

Mr. J.V. McGuire called. Does not like the "Chialivas".

Mr Matthews came & he & Mr McG. condemned the copy of "Shippen".

Mr Clarke with daughter & lady friend, called, & soon after Mr Corcoran. They all like the <u>new hanging</u>. Mr Corcoran promised to do something to get Barbarin off the jury, for his absence, confines me too closely, & puts much miscellaneous work on me, which he could attend to.

Letter to Bridgman with "Rules"

Wrote to Mr Bridgman artist enclosing "Regulations for copyists.

J. D. Witman Phila. applied to exhibit a picture by C.T. Witman, who exhibited one here in 1875. Replied that I could not give him a choice <u>light</u> for a fortnight.

Left at 3 p.m. to visit Art Loan Exhibition. V. 72 + 7 \$18 C. 8 \$2.00

#### Feb 1st

<u>Another fall of snow!</u> – darkening the picture-galleries.

Rec'd a picture here from J.O. Wilson to go into Art Loan Exhibit.

Mr Matthews artist called. Would like to exhibit pictures soon.

Wrote to Mr Koehler acknowledging with thanks the collection of etching – also that the missing nos. of the "Review" had not been rec'd – also gave the name of the person who receipted.

John Mann & F. Cassidy removing snow from pavement.

Ms Lynch (washer of towels) sent for her monthly pay. I sent word she must first account for the missing towels. She came & angrily accused me of charging her with theft. She was evidently under the influence of potheen. She is to account for the missing property before being paid according to Mr Hyde's opinion.

The snow fell all day, and a cold north wind blew. V. 164 C. 14 \$3.50

### February 2.

The snow continued part of last 'night' cleared & this morning the sky is bright, but the air intensely cold. Snow five inches deep.

Letter from Earle & Sons enclosing cheque for \$18.00, cashed it & returned receipted bill in a note. Sent the cheque to Mr Hyde for endorsement as it was made payable to the "Corcoran Gallery of Art," and he sent word that he had accidentally clipped it, but would attend to it.

Mr Taylor bought the case for portfolio – well made but the top is badly finished, being very rough.

Letter from Dellenbaugh artist N.Y. expressing regret that his letter about his frame was considered "uncourteous", as he meant nothing of the kind. Wrote to him accepting his explanation, & expressing my belief that the damage was done in transitu. He enclosed a note from Renner & Co. describing its condition when opened.

Receipted bill of \$5.00 for rent of stable in rear of 486, La. Av. due from Benjn. Cooley Esq.

Mr Corcoran sent up note of acknowledgment & thanks to the "Lady copyists of the Gallery," for their floral present to him on his last birth-day. he came in at 3 p.m. and went up to see them.

Mr Mooney took awy his "Shippen" copy, to improve it.

Mr Taylor came & rubbed down top of the case.  $V. 40 + 14 \$10.00 \ C. 7 \$1.75 \ P. 75cts.$ 

#### February 3

Bright & very cold – good sleighing.

Injury to McCarthy's "Parnell"

Mr Hedgman being absent at opening of the Gallery, & being anxious to hang the <u>Parnell Memorial</u>, I got <del>Mr</del> Thomas to hang it, Richard also out of sight. The picture was safely on the wainscoting, & Thomas was about to fasten it with the wire, while I stepped back to see it was in right position. Thomas let the picture slip & it fell to the floor, breaking the glass to pieces (it was cracked before) and badly injuring it. Mr McC. came, took away the picture, and the frame will be sent to McElroy. He will get a new glass. Card from Mr Wilson stating Miss Wilson's picture is <u>original</u>.

Mr Hyde called & left work to have a meeting of the Board called for Saturday at 11 a.m. Chief subject, action on the <u>By-Laws</u> & c. He requested Darrell to attend to the telephone – a not very complimentary idea to me!

Mr Matthews telephoned me to send his mss. By Laws to be printed by Gibson, & have a dozen copies for use on Saturday at 11.a.m. Sent them- & wrote the order.

An overflow of water from the <u>basin</u> of the water-closet & sent for a plumber.

Gibson telephoned to know size & type for ByLaws. Left it to him.

Mr Hyde sent up \$18.00 for photos. Darrell will attend the telephone when no one is in the office.

Some water from snow on the roof, dropping upon Endymion.

Dr Barbarin sent out notices to Trustees to meet here on Saturday.

Letter from Miss Baker, Peoria Ill. giving me permission to place her picture of "La Teudresse" in the Art Loan Exhibition or in this Gallery, provided it reaches the N. York's Academy's Exhibition by March 1st.

At night the attendance was small, owing to the cold weather.

V. 430 (Day) C. 22 \$5.50 P. \$19.50 V. 158 (Night) \$15.00 C. 17 \$4.25 Total 588 \$15.00 39 \$9.76

### February 4.

Another bright but bitterly cold morning.

Certified Williams (cabinet maker's) bill.

The water-closet in the west wash-room repaired.

Receipt from "N.Y. Evg. Post" for \$3.00. subscription.

Dr Barbarin was on duty from noon.

Dr Welling called, & left word to order the casts.

Letter from Williams & Everett, stating they had sent to me a copy of "Dwight's Journal of Musee containing an article on Tilton's pictures, and hoping this Gallery will buy one or more of them.

Gibson sent up proof of By-Laws.

Occupied nearly all day in transferring the pictures from the Main Gallery to the West Side Gallery.

Mr Corcoran called & liked the arrangement.

V. 66 \$16.50 C. 8 \$2.00

# February 5

Bright & cold early, but milder afterwards – snow melting.

No clean towels from Mrs Lynch to-day.

Some new goblets or tumblers needed.

Went to assist the Art Loan Exhibition & returned at 10.30 a.m.

Special Meeting of the Board

The Board met at 11 a.m. Present Dr Welling, Prest. Messrs Matthews McGuire, Hyde, Baird & Clarke. Mr Corcoran was present. Dr Welling accepted the office of Prest. in a few words of thanks. The following offers of pictures for sale were acted upon <u>W. Shirlaw's</u> "Sheep-shearing in Bavaria" declined.

Williams & Everett's offer of Tilton's pictures referred to Art Comme. with power to purchase one of them at discretion.

Brady's crayon-drawing of the late Dr Hall purchased for \$50.00.

Miss E.K. Baker's offer of 2 pictures referred to Art Committee.

Oil painting of "June Afternoon" by C.C. Brenner <u>purchased</u> for \$500. The purchase of the "<u>Chialivas</u>" was confirmed.

Presentation of Huntington's portraits of Col. & Mrs Tayloe accepted.

The presentation of the portraits of Mr & Mrs B.O. Tayloe was formally acknowledged, & it was ordered that when her collection (already given to the Gallery shall be placed in a suitable room these portraits shall hang in a conspicuous place. A copy of the resolution of thanks for them was ordered to be sent to Mrs Tayloe.

It was ordered that if the <u>Curator could</u> repair the Drought in Egypt the Art Committee in its discretion, should have him do it, without additional compensation. (That proviso

never occurred to me, for I have repaired many of the pictures, without dreaming of <u>charging</u> for them.

The question of a barrier in the \( \)Main \( \) picture-gallerys was referred to the Committee on the Building to have it done in they way it thinks best.

President Welling announced the new Committees. On works of Art: W. T. Walters, G. W. Riggs, & Ed. Clarke.

On the building. Ed. Clarke, A. Hyde, & C.M. Matthews.

On accounts Mr C. M. Matthews, S.F. Baird.

Wrote to Mr Proctor Knott, announcing purchase of Brenner's picture.

Design for Barrier

Mr Clark will make a design for the barrier in Main Gallery. He wishes Brennar's picture to be placed in the west side gallery under he Golden Gate. He prefers the <u>Cairo</u> to the other pictures by Tilton, & wishes the "Sunset on Lake George" to be placed over the "Bull" & "Night" placed over the "Weeper" when the latter is lowered where the Kensett hung.

V. 625 C. 31 \$7.75 P. \$5.25

### February 7

Monday. Bright & milder.

As the Art Loan Exhibition until 10.10 a.m. after stopping here at 9 a.m. Missed meeting Mr Clark who will be here tomorrow morning.

Letter from E.V. Valentine, sculptor, making inquiry about the late C.B. King, artist who had painted a portrait of V's father. Wishes address of any of his relatives.

Ans'd Miss Baker's & Messrs. Williams & Everett's letters.

Mr Corcoran & Mr Matthews called. The former complained of Mr Hedgman's misconduct, & I reported his late attendance. Mr C. said the employee's must be here by 9 or  $9\frac{1}{2}$  a.m.

Mrs. Lynch called again & was insolent, demanding money but I refused until she brought back the missing towels which now, I find, were <u>twenty-two</u> instead of sixteen.

Mr Hyde sent up his letter to Mrs Tayloe & resolutions of Board, I copied first, & sent them all off.

Mr Walker called & invited to see his picture at the Capitol now completed.

Wrote to Mr Dielitz, Berlin, & ordered the casts, as authorized.

V. 80 + 2 \$20.00 C. 17 \$4.25 P. \$1.25

Boardman sent up price of Appleton's Cyclopedia – same as Appleton's.

## February 8

Tuesday. Bright & mild. Snow rapidly vanishing.

Card from J.D. Witman stating name of C.F. Witman's picture the "Challenge," a race between town & country's sleigh – moonlight. Painting 40 x 70 inches – Frame 88 in. Answered I would write when I had space for it.

Mr Flaherty called & on receiving cheque for \$50. Darrell gave him said he had already been paid. The bill had been receipted. I sent bill & cheque back to Mr Hyde, who sent word there must be some mistake about it, as there was another bill of that amt. due Flaherty.

Wrote to Brucciani London, ordering the "Cupid" by M. Angelo.

Sent card to McElroy to send for McCarthy's damaged frame.

Note from Hon. J. Proctor Knott M.C. acknowledging my notice of the purchase of Brenner's landscape, & giving the artist's address. Sent the note to Mr Hyde.

Mr Edmund Law Rogers with an English lady called.

Mr Andrews called. Wrote to Mr E.V. Valentine, 809 Leigh St. Richd. Message from

Sent corrected list of Board of Trustees & Committees to Gibson & Bros.

Mr Brady called about the purcase of his portrait of Dr Hall. Referred him to Mr Hyde.

V. 590 C. 44 \$11.00 \$2.75

#### February 9

Cloudy, mild & muddy. Snow nearly all gone from the streets.

Note from Mr Koehler about the missing "Reviews". Answer'd.

Letter from Mrs. M.D. Wolcott Jacksonville Fla. in behalf of an Art Association there referring to a letter rec'd by it sometime ago as "unjustly denying its claim to receiving the benefit of the gratuitous distribution of photographs made by this Society". She states that they would like to have photos of the "Elgin Marbles" in their lectures.

Order to Barlow to repair pictures

Sent to Barlow the order of the Board to have repaired "Autumnal Landscape with Indians" & Charity" at the prices he named \$50, & \$30.00.

McElroy sent for & got McCarthy's damaged frame.

Mrs. Yocum of Pa (wife of an M.C.) called & left sample of animal painting," & wishes to copy "Lost Dogs".

Mr Titian Peale called to see if his "Washington" had arrived.

Mr Smilie sent up photos of Col. Tayloe, sent 6 in a letter to Mrs. Price.

Mr Spofford, called & said the Delegation of Librarians would visit the Gallery this afternoon.

Mr Hyde sent up a letter in reply to Proctor Knott's informing him that a cheque for the amt. of Mr Brennar's picture had been sent to the artist.

Mr Jc. McGuire called.

V. 80 + 50 C. 19 \$4.75 Photos. \$5.75

### February 10th

Thursday. Foggy & very mild. Nearly all the snow is gone.

Telephoned to Gibson to print Index of Catalogue.

Mr Clark called. Took measurements for the Main Gallery barrier & suggested new places to hang Dr Hall's & Carlisle's portraits.

Mr Howe of Boston called to find out the artist of a portrait of Gen. Sherman. I think it was Ulke of this city.

Note from D. Bendann's 181 W. Balt. sending for large sized copy of C. Corday. Will remit when it comes. Sent it & wrote.

W. McDonald's letter about the Houdon cast of Washington

Miss Johnson called to show me a paper from Wilson McDonald, sculptor N.Y. proposing to present to President-elect Garfield on the 4th. of March next, Houdon's original cast of Washington's head, in the name of his daughter, to whom he gave it after

receiving it from Clark Mills Esq. In my opinion he ought not to make it a personal gift to Garfield, or to <u>any body</u>. Mr Mills had no right to it, for by his confession to me, he took it away from Mt. Vernon clandestinely, and Mr Donald's title to <u>stolen goods</u>, is not valid, if it was given to him, which Mills denies.

Sent to Miss Welling for the true story of the "Lady" attributed to Sir Peter Lely in our catalogue. She replied she had not got it from a Miss Barlow.

I did not attend the night-exhibition this evening.

# February 11

Bright & very mild.

Mr T. Peale & left a package to be sent to Dr. Welling. Sent it.

Mrs. Comme. Kennon called & examined St. Memin, gave copies of the sketch.

Mrs. Yocum of Pa. came & got copyist's card & took away her oil sketch.

Mr Weiss told Dr Barbarin he had many things which he wished to present to the Gallery.

Telephone being out of order, men came & put it in repair.

Mr Andrews picture of Prest. Johnson was examined by Mr Corcoran who said there was no object in buying more Presidential portraits.

Mr Bridgman letter about <u>Janus</u> copying the "Sacred Bull"

Letter from Mr Bridgman artist, stating that Mr Janus told him Dr Welling was willing for him to copy the "Sacred Bull". I sent the letter to Dr. W. Mr B. says he has no objection, provided the copy is for study, & is not allowed to leave the Gallery.

Sent to Hon J. Proctor Knott this unframed picture by Brenner.

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V. 108 \$27 C. 17 \$4.25

#### February 12

Bright & very warm – great thaw of ice in the river. Saturday. Remained at home until 11 a.m. finishing the new Catalogue – which I took to Gibson Bros.

Dr & Miss Welling called. He asked for proof of List of Trustees in the Catalogue, & told him that portion was already printed. He said Bridgman's letter Mr Janus was mistaken in stating to Bridgman that he (Dr W.) had said Mr J. could copy the "Sacred Bull," if the artist consented. Wrote this to Bridgman & asked him to send me notes of his artistic career &c.

Gen Birney called in reference to establishing an Art School in a building on our three lots, in rear of the Gallery.

Hon J. Proctor Knott called.

Flooding of Pa. Avenue between  $4\frac{1}{2}$  & 6th Sts & 9th & 10th. Market House & B. & P. Depot have 2 feet water

A large portion of the Penna Avenue is flooded by the ice in the river here backing up the water rushing from the upper Potomac. The Avenue between 4 ½ & 6th sts, & 9th & 10th. is a lake. The cars & carriages go through however, & the water extends south over part of the Smithsonian grounds so that the houses intervening are surrounded, & boats are taking the occupants out. The market-House & Balt. & Potomac Depot are depen abandoned. Such a scene had never been witnessed before here. I went to Georgetown to see the river bearing down large fields of ice. It is said the Long Bridge is damaged.

Mr & Mrs E. Pickard of Boston called to see me. V. 510 C. 27 \$6.75 P. \$3.75

# February 14

A cold change

Monday. Another cold day after the sudden northwester of yesterday. The freshet of <del>yesterday</del> & Saturday has subsided, but there is fear of another. Great floods over the whole country. The cellars & lower stories along the south side of the Avenue flooded. Great destruction of property.

Mr Clark with his draughtsman called & accurate measurements taken for the barrier. He left a copy of the Congressional Directory for the Gallery.

Letter from Mrs. Comme Price acknowledging the 6 photos. Mrs Tayloe & all are delighted with them.

Mrs. Edwards of N.Y. called about copying pictures.

Mr Whipple Secy Essex Institute, Salem, Mass who came with the Massts. Delegation last year & had the Gallery lighted at night specially for them <u>tomorrow night</u>, the evening before the <u>regular</u> night exhibition! A strange request indeed.

V. 70 + 6 \$17.50 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$13.50

# February 15

Bright & pleasantly cool.

Mr Matthews left here certain papers in reference to the By Laws, for Dr Welling.

Sent to Gibson to see if List of Trustees in new edition could be stopped changed. Answered it could be at small expense. Sent to him for a copy of them, & proofs of the additions to the Catalogue. He returned the "List" & sent word he would be here between 3 & 4 p. m, & not to print the Catalogue until he sees me.

Note from D. Bendann Balt. enclosing check for \$2.00 for Corday.

Mr Matthews called & inquired for space for some pictures for exhibitions.

Gibson sent p proofs of additions to the Gallery.

Mr Hyde sent up several letters sealed for Barbarin.

An agent for books called & said he had supplied Mr Clark with a copy of Appleton's Cyclopedia." He brought a copy hlf bd in Morocco. \$700 per vol.

Dr. Welling called at 3 ¾ p.m. & left corrected proof of Trustees. Sent them all to Gibson Bros.

V. 513 C. 30 \$7.50 P. \$6.25

#### February 16

Wednesday. Bright & pleasantly cool.

Note from J.J. Barber artist, Columbus, O. stating he had sent here by express his picture "Siesta" price \$175, & enclosing a copy of signed Rules I sent him 2 years ago to admit a small picture  $10 \times 14 - 47$  Monroe Av:

Bridgman's sketch of his life & career

A letter from Mr Bridgman artist N.Y. enclosing interesting memoranda of his birth, career &c, & promising to send me a photograph. He is glad to hear that his picture will

not be copied for two years. I added some points in his memoranda, to the catalogue. Wrote to him.

Dr. Peter, Georgetown, called & glanced over St. Memin.

Mr Corcoran's gift of Palladio's architecture"

Mr Corcoran called, & I read Bridgman's letter to him with which he was pleased. He brought for the Gallery an old folio volume "Andrew Palladio's Architecture". London 1737 first published by author at Venice 1570.

Note from Mrs. Frank Jones Georgetown D.C ^to the Trustees^ wishes to exhibit & sell a picture by De Haas "Shipwreck on coast of Holland.

No. 5. of "Art Treasures" rec'd, with receipt for \$10, sent by A. Hyde.

Wrote to Mrs. M.D. Wolcott, Jacksonville Ills. declining to send photos gratuitously. Told her the prices of 4 views of "Theseus" & "Ilissus.

V. 70 + 4 \$17.50 C. 10 \$2.50

## February 17

Thursday, bright, cool, & bracing.

Gave Gibson & Bros. corrected proofs of catalogues to page 47.

Sent a note enclosing copy of Regulations for Copyists to Mrs. Ferry, Jersey City.

Mrs. Edwards N.Y. called to 3d time to persistent in claiming the privilege of copying "The fortune Teller" the <u>same size</u>, simply because she drew it that way in New York! The trouble with ladies about this copying, is greater than anything about the Gallery work.

Barber's "Siesta"

At noon a box containing J. Jay Barber's (Columbus O.) picture of "The Siesta," arrived. It is a small sketchy affair with in different drawing. Wrote to the artist.

Received box containing Chas. Wilson Peale's portrait of Washington, from S. T. Baird Secy of "Smithsonian Institution" & gave a receipt for it. Found the history of this picture in Tuckerman's Book of Artists.

Mr Corcoran came. He wishes Mr & Mrs Tayloe's portraits entered in the Catalogue.

Dr Welling called & says that copies of pictures for sale must be brought into this gall room for examination, & that all copies must bear on face the name of the original artist & the name of the copyist.

V. (Day) $\frac{263 + 15}{519}$		C. 27 \$6.75 P. \$7.25
V. (Night)	<u>278</u>	C. <u>16</u> <u>4.00</u>
Total	797	43 \$10.75 \$7.25

## February 18

Friday. Mild but with an east wind, & hazy.

Letter from T.D. Wilson 225 W. 22d. st N.Y. wishing me to deliver his brother's "Woman's Devotion" to Senator Jones of Nevada, & offering me a handsome commission to sell it. Answered it.

Mr Corcoran called & seemed well.

Sent the last proof of Catalogue to Gibson Bros.

Mr Drew copyist called, & will paint Odalisque, head & shoulders.

Mr Andrews sent up a screen with a medallion lead of Mr Corcoran, surrounded by Cupids, by Mr C's request before it goes to the Louise Home.

Engaged Mr Scott to have prepared tablets prepared for the Chialivas, the Brenner, & the Tayloe portraits.

Miss Johnston called & took away Mr Wilson McDonald's letter.

Received remainder of the order of the Taloe photographic portraits from Mr Smilie.

V. 64 +<del>72</del> 8 \$16.00 C. 14 \$3.50 P. \$4.75

### February 19

Saturday. Heavy rain last night, mild & cloudy to-day.

Dr Barbarin on duty.

Mr Clark & lady friends called. He brought a drawing of the Gallery barrier, which he shewed to me, Dr Barbarin to make a tracing of it, & get estimates from Somerville & Schneider for it. The latter says 90 cts. per running fort. The ladies with Mr Clark took great interest in St. Memin.

Visited the Art-Loan Exhibition today & at night & found there many interesting pictures, bric-brac, Washington relics &c.

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Mr Clark thinks the hf. morrocco binding of "Appleton's Cyclopedia" is the best. I spoke of it to Mr Corcoran & by his advice wrote to Dr Welling for his opinion.

A Miss Stuart of Baltimore whom I stopped sketching in ink the "Lady & Dog" a few days ago, as violative of the Rules, was reported as again doing it to-day by Mr Martin. I met 'her' at the door & expressed my regret to hear of this report. She denied it & said she was "only comparing her sketch with the original"! I told her that her sketch was violative of an important rule, & she ought to give it up & let the Trustees see it. She declined & went out with it. The keeper of the upper gallery came down after she left & declared she was hard at work again upon it when he stopped her. She blushed violently as she went out, as well she might after fibbing so. We have more trouble with women about this Gallery than we have boys & men together.

V. 620 C. 42 \$10.50 \$6.00

# February 21

Monday. A spit of snow early to-day; raw & cloudy.

Mr Hyde called & suggested that we might get a stamp for marking things of the Gallery. He left a copy of Ezekiel's letter about the names of the 7 statues ordered. A young man came & showed the stamp & I referred him to Mr Hyde.

Letter from Mr S.P. Avery to me saying he had sent by express to Mr Corcoran a photo of a picture by John Lewis Brown French painter of horses, historical subjects &c subject being Washington & Count de Lauzamu before Yorktown 1781, & the calls attention to another picture he has, "The last look" engraved in No. 8. Art Review by Carl Hoff Berlin, which he will send for exhibition here if Mr C. wishes. Mr Corcoran called & shewed me Avery's letter to him about the pictures. In conversation with him, I referred to Mr A's sale of Fun & Fright to the gallery for \$2500, & of its being a copy. He was surprised at first, but I recalled to him that he had written to a gentleman in Dorchester who had a copy, to learn what he paid for it, but who declined stating it. Mr C. remembered it, & wanted me to find the letters about it being a copy.

Mr Corcoran requested me to send Thomas with a hand-cast to his house for Guillaume's flower-piece to be taken to the Louise Home, & bring thence Mrs Tayloe's portrait to be kept in Trustee's Room until copied. The last was bought here with a hole & a slit in it.

Dr Welling called & approved the purchase of the Hf. Morocco bd. copy of "Appleton's Cyclopedia". He read Avery's letter & on hearing of the "Fun & Fright" copy, thinks the Gallery ought to leave no dealings with him.

Ordered 50 Lost Dogs from Jouy.

Mr. & Mrs. Porter of Pittsburgh came. It is three year's since they were here & enjoyed the visit very much.

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Mr Feuardent calls.

Mr Feuardent & Mr Frank Moore (Rebellion Record) N.Y. called. He will return tomorrow to see our photos of N.Y. Museum of Art's photos.

Mr Johnson artist of Lexington Ky. called & spoke of a portrait of Henry Clay by Jewett. Took a copy of rules for exhibitors.

Letter from Miss Tunstall – She does not speak of coming here soon. Speaks in behalf of information to a Miss Ferguson on art matters, & suggests the Antinous to be photoed.

Barlow sent up for & got the Autumn Scene with Indians for repair. Ordered 50 each of small size Corday & a single vestal, small.

Mr copyist without getting permission, brought an easel as high as the Odelisque & & was painting from a high stool, when hearing of it, I ordered him down.

Mr Hyde sent up metal stamp for wood articles.

Gave the order of the Appleton's Cyclopedia to the agent. \$7.50 V. 55 + 5 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$2.25

# February 22

Tuesday – <u>Washington's BirthDay</u> – a holiday save to this Gallery – a day of sorrowful memory to me.

Bright & pleasant, but raw in the afternoon.

Letter from A. Brockernoff, Pittsburg Pa. offering a "Crucifixion" by Van Dyke for \$15,000. – <u>cheap</u>! Address Charlestown Kanawha, Co. for a week of 10. Ansd. "<u>not</u> buying old pictures!"

Mr Hyde brought up a letter from Mr Leigh Robinson to Mr Corcoran to have Mr Guillaume copy for his cousin the portrait of John Randolph in this Gallery, according to promise. Mr Corcoran desired me to give his assent, but leave the question of where the picture is to be copied to be decided hereafter. Wrote to him.

Mr Hyde will consult with Mr Matthews about the plan of closing the outside gallery - steps to the crowd on 4th of March by a temporary barrier & gate.

Mr Feuardent called. Allowed him a photo issued Metrop Museum of N.Y. to have it copied

Mr Feuardent of N.Y. examined our photos of Metropn. Museum's statuary, & is allowed to take one away to have it photographed. I recommend him to Mr Rice. He tells me that he brought from Alexandria Egypt the original of the cast in our Gallery marked "unknown", which is Alexander & sold it to the British Museum.

Wrote to Mr Avery to send "Washington before Yorktown", he to pay expenses.

Mr. Corcoran & Mr Clark. Former brought Avery's photo of Washington. Mr Clark ordered side steps for the barrier outside.

V. 1300 C. 29 \$7.25 P. \$11.75

#### February 23

Bright & windy after a sprinkling of rain.

Letter from Williams & Everett wish to know if the Art Committee has decided on purchasing any of Tilton's landscapes as they wish to send them to Penna Academy's Exhibition in March.

Dr Welling approves sending the portrait to Guillaume

Wrote to Dr Welling & enclosed Mr Robinson's letter to Mr Corcoran about the copy of the John Randolph, and stating the view I have of it being better to trust Mr Guillaume with the portrait for a few days, than to <u>demoralize</u> the other copyists by letting the copy <u>full size of original</u> †in Gallery be made Dr. W. approves sending the portrait to M. G. Wrote to Mrs Frank Jones Georgetown D.C. stating that her letter would be considered by the Board at their meeting in April, & that when we had space to exhibit her picture, I would notify her & receive it.

Mr Feuardent anecdote of the Alexander bust in the B. Museum now Lord Beaconsfield

Mr Feuardent brought one of the photos borrowed yesterday, & gave me an interesting account of the issue between him & Gen Cesnola, of Museum of Art N.Y. about the works there. He mentioned yesterday while speaking of the <u>Alexander</u> bust which he sold to the British Museum, that <u>before</u> its sale, while arranging position in the Museum, a gentleman tapped him on the shoulder, saying "don't touch the marbles!! to which Mr F. replied "it is my property", & stated who he was. Whereupon, the gentleman "very well, if the Museum does not buy it, <u>I will</u>, so don't handle it!" The gentleman was Benjamin D'Israeli, now Lord Beaconsfield, & lately Prime Minister of Great Britain! V. 108 + 7 \$27.00 C. 12 \$3.00 \$2.25

Mr Corcoran sent for Avery's letter to him. He did not leave it.

# February 24

Bright, and very cold, with north west wind.

Note from Mr Somerville, offering to put up the barrier in the Main Gallery for \$160.

Building Committee has authorized the erection of a platform over the outside front steps of the Gallery for 'seeing' the Inauguration procession.

Engaged Mr Newton to correct certain lettering & also to paint numbers on the pedestals of articles in the Cast & Bronze Rooms.

Mr Corcoran called & expressed his wish to have large pictures in future for the Main Gallery. He is opposed to the idea of building an Art School on his vacant lots.

Death of H. Dr. Cooke, Trustee

Mr Henry D. Cooke of Georgetown D.C. & one of the Trustees of this Gallery died this morning of dropsy.

A Meeting of the Board is called for Saturday 10 ½ a.m.

Mrs. Winslow 'brought a letter from Miss Baker' & requested me to give up La Bohemienne" girl to her husband to-morrow at 10 a.m. Wrote a postal to Dr Toner to give an order to deliver it.

3 bundles of new Catas sent up

Gibson sent up 3 bundles of new catalogues.

Somerville's bid for the barrier \$160. Schneider's about \$213.00.

V. (Day) 730 C. 52 \$13.00 P. \$3.75

V. (Night) 205 \$19.70 17 4.25

Total 935 \$19.70 69 17.25 \$3.75

#### February 25.

Friday. Bright and very mild after a sprinkling of snow last night.

A note from Mr Avery saying the "Washington at Yorktown" is sent, but the prepayment of Express charge, overlooked. Wishes me to pay it & send amt to him.

Mr Winslow called & took away "The Bohemian girl", & I went to the Art Loan Exhibition, & gave him "La Tedresse".

A letter for Mr Corcoran delivered here & sent to him.

Mr Riggs was here last night, did not like any of the new pictures.

Sent copy of new Catalogue to Mr Bridgman with a letter.

Letter from T.A. Wilmurt N.Y. enclosing a request from Mr Thurston to send his "Niagara" to the former. It will leave by propeller next Friday.

Had to leave early in consequence of hoarseness & soreness of throat.

The 16 vols of "Appleton's Cyclopedia" were delivered at the Gallery. Price \$112.00

V. 74 x 11 \$18.50 C. 12 \$3.00 \$4.50

### February 26.

Bright and mild. I still suffer from cold.

Arranged the numbers on the pictures to suit the Catalogue.

Meeting of Board on death of Mr H.D. Cooke

Board of Trustees met 10 ½ & passed resolutions of respect & condolence over the deceased Trustee Henry Dr. Cooke. Present Dr Welling, Messrs. Matthews, Hyde, Clark, Mr Corcoran was present. Mr Baird was present by telephone.

Mr. S. H. Kauffmann made Trustee

On motion of Mr Matthews Mr S.H. Kauffmann was unanimously elected Trustee in place of Mr Clarke Cook.

The By-Laws are to be printed, & proof sent to Mr Matthews.

Issue of new Catalogue

Issue of new edition of Catalogue, copies of it were given to the Trustees present.

"Washington at Yorktown" arrived.

Arrival of two boxes from New York, containing the "Washington at Yorktown" & frame. Paid \$6.54 for freight & wrote to Mr Avery.

Mr Brooke wishes to exhibit a "Negro Scene" of large size. Will inform him next ^week^ when ready.

Sent catalogue to Genl. L.P. di Cesnola.

Wrote to Mr Wilmurt N.Y. & enclosed bill for packing "Niagara".

Gibson Bros. sent up seven packages of Catalogues.

Mr. Corcoran is in favor of closing the Gallery on Monday.

V. 830 V. 48 \$12.00 P. \$4.75

# February 28

Gallery closed to the public – Mr Cook's Funeral.

Monday. Very warm last night, & early this morning, then rainy with rough wind, that at night became cold making ice!

Though very unwell & hoarse, came to the Gallery at 9.a.m, & tried to paint my group from the "Eye of St. John," but had to stop.

The Board, that is two members, Dr Welling & Mr Clark ^met^ & left at ¼ p.m. to attend Mr Cook's funeral. I was too ill to go.

Mr Corcoran called but would not go up to see Avery's picture.

Rev. Dr Elliott called to engage 4 seats on the platform, & Dr. Hunter's wife & friend applied for 3 seats in a window. I told the former, it was doubtful whether he could get <u>4</u>, & wrote to the latter, that the Trustees had control of the former. Not I. Mr Taylor is at work fitting the platform so that it will be ready on Friday morning.

Mr Matthews ^artist^ brought back the flower-piece, he had here last year.

Letter from J. Jay Barber, Columbus O. in reference to his picture.

### March 1.

Tuesday. "March comes in like a Lion!" Cold, & blustering.

Letter from Mr Avery, containing cheque for \$6.54. Cashed it.

By Mr Hyde's advice sent a brief notice of the Board's action on Mr Cook's death, & one of Kauffmann's election to the "Star" they will be printed <u>detached</u>.

J. Lewis Brown: Washington & Duc de Lauzun at Yorktown /87

Mr Corcoran & Miss Welling called. He thinks with me, that the face of Washington is too old for a man of 49 years old, as he was at Yorktown 1781. The picture has much merit, but a great many faults. It represents Washington & the Duc de Lausaune (Lauzun?") on a bare slope near the river, leaning forward over their steeds, as a gaily dressed hussar points seemingly to the French fleet below. A guard of mounted men are in the distance. The general color is full of vapor. The figures of the two Generals are ill-drawn, and unheroic, both bending over their saddle-bows in parralell lines. The face of Washington is old, & serious & Frenchy – there is nothing commanding in his look or attitude. The neck of his horse looks as if broken. The hussar & his horse are well done. His dress is picturesque & rich, & his bearing is very dashing, as also is the style of his

horse whose eye flames, & whose breath fumes! Indeed they are the most conspicuous points in the picture.

Mr Rice sent up 9 Cordays, & a rolled 'unmounted' copy of Photo. of the building.

V. 975 + 16 C. 76 \$19.00 P. \$15.75

### March 2

Bright, cold & rainy.

Letter from F. A. Bridgman. He likes the notice of him in the Catalogue & points out one unimportant error about the dates of his movements in Europe. Wrote to him.

Sent card to Clark Mills for his autograph.

Hung Avery's picture where Tilton's Rome stood, & placed the latter in S. west gallery, where the dim light helps its effect vastly. I always thought the talk of Tilton & others about its needing a strong light was all nonsense, & now I am sure of it. A twilight scene needs a soft light.

More platforms & steps going up all along the Pa. Ave. for the procession on the 4th. If this March wind prevails that day, it will be a cold engayment. The speculators in these stands charge high. The stand opposite the President's House charge high. The stand opposite the President's House charges \$2.00 per seat, & the stand opposite this Gallery, demands to-day one dollar per seat. Flags & decorations are flaunting all around. President-elect Garfield is come, & his old mother 80 years old, is gone to the White House to stop with Mr & Mrs Hayes.

Wrote to Williams & Everett, Boston, stating that nothing was done about the purchase of Tilton's pictures, & asked him when they wished them sent to Phila.

Mr Corcoran sent up a card introducing a Mr McCormick & friends.

Wrote to Knaedler & Co N.Y. in reference to sending Heilbuths "Cardinal here for exhibition & possible sale.

Ice for this month will be 40 cts pr 100.

V. 300 + 47 \$75.00 C. 44 \$11.00 P. \$11.50

#### March 3.

Thursday. Wind east, cloudy & signs of rain.

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Letter of thanks from Mr Kauffman for my congratulatory note.

Dr Barbarin came in before noon.

The crowd of visitors is very great, and we are short-handed. Mr Hyde came in and said he would send for Mr Darrell's brother.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Jones called.

Mr Matthews called & left card admitting Rev. Dr Stewart & 2 others.

Dr Welling called. He is doubtful about being here. If not here at 11 a.m. I need not expect him.

Saw Librarian Spofford about the Peale Washington & he says it is doubtful who owns it.

Mr Rice sent up 7 copies of Corday & 5 of Single "Vestal.

V. 3.400 C. 142 \$35.50 P. \$11.15 V. 152 <u>\$14.50</u> <u>19</u> <u>4.75</u> <u>75</u>

Total 3.552 \$14.50 161 \$40.25 \$11.90

#### March 4th.

<u>Inauguration</u> <u>Day.</u> What a morning & forenoon! – after an eastern storm of wind rain, sleet, & snow, the day broke cheerless, the ground covered with snow, & slush, and a rough northwest wind with more snow! The people & the troops assembled at their posts at 9 a.m. but the former not so numerous as would have been the case in fine weather. But the lines of stands with seats presented "a beggarly account of empty benches," covered with snow! Our platform outside & inside were set up last night after the Gallery closed.

I took my party to a point opposite the west gate of the President's House & we had a good view of the President Elect Garfield & his <u>expiring</u> predecessor Mr Hayes. The former looked well, made a liberal display of his bald head in saluting the crows, & the latter looked happy in the thought of leaving his late residence <u>with a competency!</u> The troops looked well, & the view of the Avenue from the Treasy Dept, showing the mass of the soldiery, was imposing. Our platform & windows afforded a fine view. No trustees or their families. Two hours were the time for it to pass, and the weather after mid-day was favorable, & the streets were dry.

Avery's sketch of J.L. Brown

Letter from S.P. Avery giving some account of the picture by J. Lewis Brown. He was born at Bourdeaux, & rec'd medals in /65/66 & /67, also Legion of Honor in 1870. This picture was exhibited in /68. No. 363 in the Catalogue of the Salon. It is the <u>Duc de</u>

<u>Lauzun</u> & not Count de Lausanne, who is represented with Washington – a small picture by Brown was sold at J. Taylor Johnston's sale for \$1,000.

# March 5.

A bright mild morning, but the day became hazy as it advanced.

As soon as the doors were opened the rush into the gallery by the public was great. Soldiers & civilians, white & black, so it was necessary to employ extra guard. Considering all things the visitors behaved well.

Mr Corcoran called & expressed his admiration of the pleasure the crowd derived from the gallery.

Mr S.H. Kauffman trustee called. Made some inquiry as to the guards of the building, & of the times of meetings of the Board.

M. H. Carpenter Chicago, writes to know price of photos of "Lost Dogs." Answered.

Sent Art Loan Catalogue to Mr S. R. Koehler, Boston, and wrote to him.

Miss Randolph & Miss Jones called. The former told me I was right in expressing my doubts whether Stuart painted that portrait of Madison which Mr Barlow repaired for her. She has proof that is was painted by Pine.

The crowd continued in the gallery until 4 p.m.

Letter from <u>Brucciani</u> London, giving prices of "Cupid" & "Three Graces", also a letter addressed to <u>Secretary</u> of Gallery.

Visitors 8225! C. 281 \$70.25 P. \$37.00

### March 7th

Monday, bright & pleasantly cool.

Brucciani gives the cost of the Cupid as £ 3.15.0.

Brucciani gives the cost of Packing & Baling 1 17.6 £ 5.12.6.

about \$27 of \$28.00. This leaves a difference of over \$13.00 between the above charges, & the \$41.24 quoted by the curator of the Boston Museum as the <u>total</u> cost for their cast delivered to him.

"Three Graces"

The charge for the Brucciani's cast of the "Three Graces is £ 20.00.0 – Baling &c £ 10. total £ 30. -- \$150. Like the Cupid this does not include dock-charges or transportation.

10 copies of "Lost Dogs"

Dr Jouy sent 10 copies of "Lost Dogs".

Gibson sent up a package of slips bearing the name of S. H. Kauffmann, to paste on the list of Trustees in the Catalogue, instead of H.D. Cooke deceased.

Mr Hyde sent up the letter addressed to the "Secretary" and it proves to be from a Mr A. Cuignet, Nice, France Feb. 19. & offers for sale to this Gallery 919 pictures of great value, of which he is engaged to sell.

Mr F.B. McGuire called.

28 bundles of catalogues rec'd from Gibson.

V. 584 + 23 \$146.00 C. 83 \$20.75 P. \$12.75

The greatest sale since the Gallery was opened.

### March 8

Tuesday. Bright & pleasant.

Note from Mr Leigh Robinson asking <u>where</u> the Randolph portrait was to be painted. Answered at Mr Guillaume's.

Mr Lanman called to see if four pictures by Stearns of N.Y. could be exhibited here. Agreed that they could, after more room was made on the <u>Exhibition</u> walls.

Mr Knott M.V. called, also Miss Delafield & lady-friend.

R. N. Brooke's Pastoral Visit

Richd. N. Brooke, Virginia brought a picture for exhibition, & sale (\$2,000) representing the "Pastoral Visit" of a Negro clergyman to some of his colored flock, while at a meal. The wife is helping 'him' to some <u>mush</u> apparently, but though it is well done, there is too <u>much</u> nigger in it for so large a picture, & it is of a coarse homeliness that I dislike. Mr. B. studied in Paris under Bonnat.

Took Brucciani's letter to Mr Hyde, & got a draft from him which I sent in a letter, directing the cast to be sent by Bremen steamer to Baltimore.

Mr Corcoran called with Miss Scott of N.Y.

V. 2,300 C. 107 \$26.75 P. \$10.00

# March 9.

Raining – temperature very mild & the weather gloomy, a drenching rain all day.

Leaks in M. Gallery

Four leaks in the south cove of the main gallery wall, one is attended with a wide break in the fresco scroll work over the main entrance – letting a little water through. Several leaks in the glass skylight, wetting the floor about five square feet. Sent for Mr Flaherty who examined the leaks & will when the rain ceases, stop them. He will see Mr Clark tomorrow.

Hosmer's "Puck"

Letter from Pettes & Leathe, frame makers, St Louis, stating they have an original marble "Puck" by Harriet Hosmer at about \$1200 for sale – also a "Proserpine" by H. Powers for \$1,000. Replied.

Mr Andrews called & said Mr Corcoran had ealled & requested him to look at Mrs B.O. Tayloe's portrait and state what he would paint a copy of it for. He requested me to state to Mr Corcoran that he would copy it for \$300.

Dr Jouy sent up 30 "Lost Dogs" 30 accepted.

V. 72 + 5 \$18.00 C. 17 \$4.50 P. 75cts

# March 10.

Thursday. Alternate shade & shine with a little rain.

Thurston's "Niagara" detained.

Mr Knox sent for & got Thurston's "Niagara". It could not go by last week's steamer, but will by this. Cartman afterwards called & said the steamer left to-day. They will go next week.

Presents of old volume & rare old etchings by Fryt. through Mr

Mr Clark called with Capt. Freeman. He <u>passed</u> the three copyists' pictures, "Corday", "Night" & "Vestal". He also brought as presents to the Gallery an Old Volume bound in parchment entitled "Le Imagini de idée de gli Antichi" by Cartari, Venice 1587, &

various old etchings by Jan. Fryt, 1640-2. from G.F.W. Strieby, U.S. Capitol architect's office. He left order for Somerville to set up barrier in M. Gallery.

Mr Corcoran called & I informed him of Mr Andrew's charge of \$350 (Mr A. came in early & told me he would have to make that the charge, as he was copying another work for that price) but he (Mr C.) spoke as if the thought it a big price.

Mr White called & showed a photo pf a picture of "Custer's Charge" by a young artist of Phila. who has a deformed hand, and whom he is assisting. He inquired about the best photographs to make copies, & I recommended Mr Rice.

A gentleman called & spoke of Curtis' portrait of Osceola, belonging to a Mrs. Driggs, offered last Novr. for sale at \$10 125. He sent to her a copy of Regulations for Exhibitors.

Letter from Williams & Everett stating Tilton's pictures must go to Phila. by the 16th. – also from Miss Hallowell about a fine picture by R.S. Gifford.

#### March 11

Friday. Bright with a bracing northwest wind.

Mr Somerville will come in 10 days to set up gallery barrier.

Mr Smilie sent up his bill (\$15) for negative & 20 photos of Mrs. Tayloe's portrait. Certified it & sent it to Mr Hyde.

Rec'd from N.H. Carpenter, Chicago 88 cts in stamps for "Lost Dogs" & postage on same. Sent it with a letter.

Letter from Miss Elmira Henry Ferguson, Northside Va. requesting infitation information about the place where the works of Antoine Wiertz artist – those that he left at his death are to be found. Mr Andrews came in & told me about it.

Telegram from T. A. Wilmurt N.Y. to ship Thurston's Niagara immediately. He will remit bill for packing. Wrote him.

Sent reply to A Cingnet's letter from Nice, France, declining his offer to sell pictures to this gallery.

Mr Guillaume will call tomorrow for Randolph's portrait.

Antoine Wiertz painter

Mr Andrews called & gave some account of the history of Antoine Wiertz. It seems he was a wild erratic genius, & painted some great pictures, but many that were grotesque, sensational, & horrible. The Belgian Govt. supported him and his works are still preserved in Brussells in a large gallery.

Sent to Dr Jouy for "Satyrs" (I copy) without title & to Rice for Corday without title, for Mr Corning, Rochester, N.Y.

V. 129 \$32.25 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$4.25

# March 12

Saturday. Cloudy, mild, & threatening rain.

Letter from Wilmurt N.Y. enclosing \$5.00 for boxing "Niagara".

Healy's request to send his pictures to N.Y. Academy's Exhibition.

Letter from G.P.A. Healy artist, from Bucharest, Roumania enclosing \$20 for expenses of repacking & send^ing^ his two portraits (Miss Thursty & Cardinal McCloskey) to the care of T. Addison Richards, N.Y. Academy of Design, if too late retain them until he comes here in the spring or summer.

Wrote to T.A. Richards N.Y. to know if Healy's pictures would arrive in time for the Academy's Exhibition.

Miss C.F. Cooper called 4 West 14th. N.Y.

Miss C. T. Cooper, formerly a copyist here called. She resides in N.Y. & has been home from Germany over a year. Her residence is 4. West 14th. sts.

Wrote to Mr Greenleaf Boston Museum about foot of Hermes & head of Dionyses.

V. 680 C. 38 \$9.45 P \$1.50

### March 14

Monday. Bright, with a cool northwest wind.

Excitement over the assassination of the Emperor Alexander of Russia.

Letter from ^F.L.^ Boericke, 635, arch st, Phila. enclosing a dollar for a photo of "Corday", sent one with the change in stamps.

Wrote to T. A. Wilmurt N.Y. that "Niagara" would leave Friday, 18.

Mr Corcoran called and thought it best to write to Messrs Williams & Everett that the Gallery was not willing to pay such high prices for Tilton's pictures, and send them to Phila. Sent them, & wrote to Williams & Everett.

Mr Andrews is to copy Huntington's Mrs. Tayloe for \$2.50.

Miss Welling & her father Dr W. called.

Hung Mr Browne's picture in the East Gallery.

Dr Jouy sent some "Lost Dogs" – one without title & Mr Rice sent a copy of Charlotte Corday without title, which I sent to Mr Corning Rochester N.Y. with a letter.

Mr A.C. Pratt & sister called. The latter is just from Europe & has lately seen her sister Mrs <u>Greatorex</u> the artist, who she says ranks high in Munich. Mr Pratt will learn from Mrs Greatorex her charge (if she is willing to sell) for Rosenthal's portrait of her.

Wrote to Messrs Williams & Everett I had. Wrote to the Curator Mr Corliss about the box containing Tilton's pictures.

V. 62 + 8 \$15.50 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$.150

### March 15

Tuesday. Bright & warm; at last a spring-day!

Tilton's pictures sent away

Adams Express took away 2 boxes of Tilton's pictures.

Rehung several pictures in the East Gallery.

Card from Miss J. Rothe Newton, Howard Co. Kansas, asking if copies of Corday could be forwarded to her by express, with prices. Replied that by sending prices of different sizes.

Mr Corcoran mentioned yesterday to me that Mr Walters had an "unabated interest" in the gallery & will be over here soon. He declines parting with the De Neuville's "Surprise".

Clark Mills called & left autograph.

Note from Mr Wilmurt N.Y. inquiring about "Niagara". Replied that the boxes left to-day for steamer, & sent bill for cartage \$2.00 which I paid.

Adams Express left bill of \$12.85 for freight of Tilton's pictures to \$12 Br Phila. They came from Boston for \$9.45. Must inquire if the latter came as freight.

Mr Brooke artist called, & liked position of his picture.

Feuardent sends photo.

Rec'd from Mr Feuardent N.Y. a photo showing the justice of his charge that Gen. Cesnola did alter one of his antique Egyptian figures – statue of a print. Mr Hyde called.

V. 705 C. 30 \$7.50 P. \$5.30

### March 16

Wednesday. Bright and springlike.

Letter from Mr Greenleaf, Boston, stating that the foot of Hermes & head of Dionyses were sent free of charge to the Museum, & that Dielitz was in the habit of not answering letters, & that most likely he is now filling my order. Had not rec'd Catalogue.

Miss Hosmer's "Puck"

Note from Pettes & Leathe, St Louis, stating that Miss Hosmer's "Puck" is the original marble statue, & that it is 3 ft high. 15in + 15 in at the base. The copy for the Prince of Wales was made from it.

19 Cordays accepted from Mr Rice to-day.

Wrote Miss Hallowell about Swain Gifford's picture & sent Catalogue.

Sent Postal to Mr Greenleaf & sent Catalogue.

Mr Andrews called. Am to send Jon Adams' portrait tomorrow at 9.a.m. Went with him to see Huntington's portrait of Mrs. Hays. It is a likeness, but the attitude stiff, the modelling of the hands 'clawy' right arm is very bad. Was greatly disappointed.

Mr Corcoran & afterwards Mr Kauffman called.

Wrote to R. Swain Gifford N.Y. about his Coast of New England & enclosed copy of Rules for Copyists, if he wishes to exhibit it here.

Mr McElroy brought the 3 nos. & two labels ordered. V. 116 + 9 \$29.00 C. 12 \$3.00

# March 17

Thursday, St. Patrick's Day, & of course cloudy & threatening rain.

Mr Clark called. He thought Mrs Brooks' picture not good enough to give her a copyist's privilege, & at this request sent it to Mr Riggs, who condemned it also. Wrote the verdict to Mrs Brooks.

Sent to G. F. Strieby, an acknowledgment of the receipt of his present to the gallery through Mr Clark of the volume of Le Imagin' de idei da gli Antichi" & his etching by J. Fryt. Sent under cover to Mr Clark.

Postal of John Adams sent to Mr Andrews' studio.

Mr Hyde was notified that the coal was nearly gone.

Sent Clarke Mills' autograph to Secy of N.Y. Academy of Design.

Wrote & sent photo of front of the building to Mr Ezekiel, Rome.

Ex-Governor Ward N.J. called to see me. We had a long interesting talk.

# March 18

Friday a little rain this morning & signs of more.

Mr. Moorhead offers his Eve & Able

Letter from Wm. J. Moorhead 39 & Chestnut Sts. Phila. offering to sell a number paintings, statuary &c, as he is to remove in April. Among them is a large marble group by Jackson of Florence, ^of Eve & Abel^ which he will sell for less than \$5,000 – the artist valued it at \$25,000. I saw this work at his house five years ago, & thought remarkably fine one. It is of heroic size.

Sent by request to Mr Corcoran, Miss Passmore's name in full.

Mr Clarke Mills called & left a newspaper a/c of his Monument to Lincoln.

Mr Corcoran called & I read to him Mr Moorhead's letter about his works of art.

A lady left a card addressed to Hon. D.B. Potter, Providence R.I. to whom wishes to have sent for her a reduced copy of the <u>large</u> Greek slave, if we have it taken.

Miss Passmore is to copy "Lost Dogs" 2/3 either way in size.

Mr Armor applied to paint on a copy of "Lost Dogs" which he has begun at home, for two days, but as it is only 6 inches shorter, I objected, but gave him permission to take on a \(^{\stretch}\), as I understood him, some busts of the color & form.

Mr Hooe sent up a door-mat, brought by Mr Hyde. V. 63 + 7 \$15.75 C. 7 \$1.75 P. \$7.50

### March 19

Saturday. Cloudy with a drizzle early & then heavy rain.

Postal from Earle & sons, Phila. for 3 large "Cordays". Sent with bill \$6.00.

Mr Armor brought to my surprise his large copy of Lost Dogs to work on between 8 & 10 a.m. I told him <u>I understood</u> I misunderstood him, that I expected a small <u>sketch</u>, and that he could not bring it again. He was satisfied with my reasons.

Took Mr Rice's bill (sent in to-day) for correction.

Letter from T. A. Richards Academy of N.Y. stating that Healy's portraits were too late for exhibition this year to his regret, as the last day of receiving had passed a week before my first letter (written as soon as I heard from Mr Healy) reached him.

Letter from Mr Loring Curator of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, reminding me that my statements in the Catalogue of Nos. 46-& 60, "The Weeper" & "Justice Shippen" about a copy of the former, & a Stuart Mrs. Washington being in Boston Athenaeum, were erroneous, as they are in the Museum on deposit, though belonging to the Athenaeum.

Saw Mr Andrews copy of Stuart's John Adams, unfinished & think it promises to be a correct one.

V. 220 C. 20 \$4.98 P. 75

### March 21

Monday, fair & windy.

Owing to the critical condition of my sister—in-law, now lying very ill, & a soreness of ^my^ throat, I did not attend the Gallery to-day. Sent word to Dr. Barbarin who did not attend ^court^.

Workman repairing roof. 15 tons of coal delivered here to-day.

Mr Van Doren received Regulations for Copyists for his daughter.

Mr Corcoran called at 1.38 p.m. V. 94 + 5 \$23.50 C. 14 \$3.50 P. \$11.25

#### March 22

Bright & pleasant. A spring day.

At the gallery, but may be summoned home at any time, on account of my sister-in-law, who lingers near death.

Mr Newton examined skylights.

Witman's picture of the "Challenge" arrived. Disappoints me. It is hard, black, and uninteresting. Acknowledging it.

Col. Cutts rec'd Regulations for Copyists' who want to tint photos of our pictures.

Mr Rice sent his bill corrected.

Mr Saml. Bacon called & asked me to call & expressed a wish for me examine a "Danac" by Titian.

Acknowledged Curator Loring's letter from Boston Museum.

Left the gallery at an early hour.

V. 575 C. 25 \$6.25 P. \$2.75

Dielitz's letter

Letter from Dielitz, Berlin, written in German, in reply to my order for casts.

### March 23

Wednesday. Not at the gallery to-day. My sister-in-law is dying.

The roof of Main Gallery examined, & more leaks discovered.

Mr Newton repaired skylight, by order of Building Committee.

Mr Andrews & Mr F.B. McGuire called to-day.

V. 75 + 7 \$18.75 C. 10 \$2.50 P. 75cts

# March 24

Thursday. Bright but with a cold March wind. My sister-in-law died at 4 a.m., this morning, & I came out to arrange for ^her^ funeral, & while here at my desk, did some work until 2.p.m.

Letter from Miss Manning Balt. for "Vestal" figure (enclosing stamps sent it, & wrote a note.

Card from J.E. Pritchett, San Mareo, Hays Co. Texas with list of asking to forward copy of Corday & remit afterwards. Sent price list & sent postal.

Mr Flaherty called, & reported roof tightened.

Letter from J.J. Rothe, Newton, Hower Co. Kansas, enclosing a money order for \$1.65 for two Cordays. Sent them, with postal.

Mr & Mrs. Horatio King called.

Another small Barye bronze (a deer) stolen to-day, the 4th! It will go on so, until I am allowed to encase them.

### March 25

Bright and pleasant.

Came to the Gallery at 9.45. Dr. Barbarin went to court.

Mr Clark & Mr Andrews artist, were driving from the gallery when I came, & the latter soon after sent up the J. Adams picture which was again hung in the East Gallery.

Col. E. Clark called. Likes the "Pastoral Visit".

Mr Corcoran called, also Mr Kaufmann.

V. 69 + 5 \$17.25 C. 8 \$2.00 \$3.75

#### March 26

Saturday. A fall of snow of two inches. Sun melted it ^at^ noon & then a clear cold northwest wind.

Attended the funeral of my sister-in-law at Alexandria Va.

Glass broken in Janitor's Apartment & repaired.

Messrs. Matthews & Hyde called for an estimate of the cost of a tin & copper-roofs.

Card from Miss Hallowell, Chicago, acknowledging catalogue.

Letter from W.G. Moorhead Phila. states he has the "Hofner." I inquired about for \$4,000. Hopes some one will come to examine his works.

V. 310 C. 16 \$3.95 P. \$3.00

# March 28

Bright, & though breezy, quote pleasant.

Dr Barbarin gone to court.

F. Cassidy at work changing grade of alley near Janitor's window.

Letter from Halsey C. Jous St Louis School of Fine Arts, Washington University, asking for copies of blanks used in connection with exhibitions, receipts, applications, or anything pertaining to such work. Sent them.

Card from Mrs J.L. Manning Fulton P.O. S.Ca . asking for Mr Healy's (artist) in Paris.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Welling called.

C.B. King's "Henry Clay"

Mr Fletcher brought up Mr Cranch's restored portrait of Henry Clay 1822, by C.B. King, & took away senator Butler's portrait.

V. 100 \$25.00 C. 7 \$1.75 P. \$2.25

### March 29

Bright at times hazy -a fine spring day.

Dr. Barbarin finishes his 9th week at court to-day

Dr Barbarin completes his 9th week attendance at court as juryman, save four days last week in my absence.

Mr Corcoran called. He is suffering from a cold.

Mr Clark Mills also.

Mr Andrews called & translated Dielitz's letter, who writes that he cannot supply the "Flying Mercury," but the others at for 435 marks  $^$100^$  & 30 pr ct for packing & baling -  $^133$  ½ which is about the sum I mentioned to the Board as given by the Boston Museum.

Replied to Mr Moorehead's letter of 26th.

Mr Hyde sent word that the By-Laws were ready for being printed. Dr Barbarin sent word to Gibson to print-copies also to have more copyists cards.

V. 450 C. 20 \$5.00 P. \$9.00

# March 30

Heavy rain last night & this morning turning into a furious snow-storm at 10 a.m. (that did not stick) until 2 p.m. turning colder.

Boxed Mr Avery's Washington

Got Mr Taylor to box Avery's picture, & I hung Witman's Challenge in its place. Walter came down along the waste paper pipe of the south-east corner of west Court, so as to cover the pavement a foot deep.

Leak in the sky-light Main Gallery – Mr Newton sent for.

Postal from Jno. W. Magles, 2154 Main St. Whealing Va. asking for Price List ^of photos^ & Catalogues. Sent former, & a postal about cost of <u>former</u>. V. 49 + 5 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$3.75

Madame Janauschek actress

Mr. Clark & daughter with Madame Janauschek the <u>tragedienne</u> called. I can scarcely believe that with her portly figure & brogue (German) she could be so popular as an actress, but she is —they say.

"Charity" sent to Barlow.

Barlow sent for & got "Charity" to repair.

Wrote to Mr Koehler, about the place of the "Washington vase's.

Avery's letter to Mr Corcoran

Letter from Mr Avery to Mr Corcoran, saying his picture was wanted in Boston, & expressing his regret that Mr Walters' opinion of it had not been 'recd'. Wrote to him saying his picture was ready for him.

#### March 31

Another storm of snow this morning, though it does not stick – continues more or less all day. March is not going out like a lamb!

A pair of gold-glasses found in the gallery yesterday are advertised in to-day's "Star".

Sent to Miss Taylor her specimen picture, with copyist's card.

Wrote to Shirlaw declining his "Sheep-shearing"

Wrote to Shirlaw artist about the declension of his picture "Sheep-shearing" &c by the Trustees, under cover to L. Manchester 124. E. 25. St New York.

Wrote to Mr Koehler giving exact position of the Washington vases.

Miss Welling brought from Mr Corcoran Scribner for March & April.

### April 1st.

Cloudy with occasional sunshine, but the is very cold from northwest.

Miss Manchester of N.Y. & friend appeared in the gallery & asked about the fate of Mr Shirlaw's picture. It seems she is the person whose address Mr Shirlaw gave & to whom I wrote as Mr. M. She will get the letter forwarded to her in the south, & will forward it to Mr. S. She is a very pleasant intelligent lady.

Note from Genl. Sherman giving Mr Healy's Paris address as 66. Rue de la Rockefoucauld.

J. M. Thomn called for the gold glasses, advertised. They were not his.

Genl. Beach called & was delighted with our additions.

<u>Draft of one dollar</u> from A.G. Richmond, cashier of a Bank in Canajoharie N.Y. for two copies of Corday! Sent, with postal.

Mr Newton came & examined leak in the skylight of M. Gallery.

Mr Corcoran confined to his house to-day.

Mr Steele came with Miss Gray who wishes to color photos from photo gallery pictures. Will call tomorrow.

Mr Flaherty brought his bill \$50.00. Certified that no leaks in the roof since rain-storm. he took it to Mr Clarke.

V. 47 + 4 \$11.75 C. 11 \$2.75

# April 2.

Saturday cold strong wind from North-west, which blew violently all night. "Come! gentle Spring!"

Mr Guillaume brought back the John Randolph portrait, which was rehung in the gallery. Miss Gray is permitted to color photos. from Gallery picture. Cards of Invitation to the Spring Exhibition of the Pa. Academy of F. Arts.

Brucciani recpt. of Draft for "Cupid"

Letter from Brucciani London enclosing receipt of Draft for "Cupid." They will pack & send the cast as soon as possible.

By Mr Hyde's order the <u>dollar draft</u> was sent back to Canajoharie N.Y. with request to send a note.

V. 508 C. 24 \$6.00 P. \$9.00

### April 4.

Monday. Another fall of snow, which however did not stick! Dr Barbarin at Court. Am troubled with rheumatism.

Letter from John. E. Pritchett San Marcos, 'Nuys Co.' Texas, enclosing Money order for \$2.00 for Fun & Fright, Corday, & Veiled Nun (cabinet. Sent them with postal.

Received a Catalogue of Sanford R. Gifford's collection of Paintings to be sold at auction on 11th 12th April. Mr Kauffman called. Thinks we ought to have a Gifford Card & Programme of Instruction from Chicago Academy of F. Arts.

Mr / Mayer ^artist^ & Miss Thayer called. V. 32 + 6 \$8.00 C. 7 \$1.75 P. \$3.15

# April 5

Tuesday. A cold northwest wind, Ice, in the gutters last night.

Dr Barbarin at court.

Letter from Mrs O.S. Pollock Christansburg, Va. asking for an illustrated catalogue. Replied had none & that ours was 25cts.

Mr. Raymond Canajoharie, returned \$1.00 in stamps in <u>Barbarin's note</u>. Saw Mr Rice & had understanding about his bill. Certified it.

Mr Clark called & took away Dielitz's letter to have it translated.

Wrote to Miss Ferguson Va. referring "to Art Review's" notices of Antonio Wiertz.

Rec'd from Profr Baird a German catalogue of objects in the Royal Museum Berlin.

Letter from Mr Avery N.Y. asking for his photo of Washington.

# April 6.

Bright & very cold with northwest wind.

Sent off Avery his photo of Washington at Yorktown, & postal.

Ordered from Dr Jouy 50 copies of Fun & Fright

25 each of Napoleon, profile, front & 3/4

25 each of Odalisque

30 each of Mr. Corcoran Gallery

25 each of Satyrs

50 each of Cordays (cabinet)

Rec'd catalogue illustrated of Penna Academy's Exhibition.

Card from Misses J.J. Betty, Newton Kansas, Photos rec'd.

Sent to Rice for price of negative of Building, & photos, separately.

Mr Andrews called & shewed me some photos. from the works of Antoine Wiertz.

Mr Root correspt. of N.Y. Times called & examined photo of Egyptian statue issued by Metropn Museum of Fine Arts N.Y.

Mr Corcoran came & took away Avery's letter previous to last.

Mr Kauffman called will go to New York on Saturday next.

V. 80 + 5 \$20.00 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$5.75cts

### April 7

Thursday. Bright, & at last a pleasant respite from the cruel northwest & East winds of the past winter.

Dielitz's letter translated

Mr Clark sent me Dielitz's letter with a translation. He has not the mould of the "Flying Mercury". Wrote to him to send the other casts as soon as possible.

Gibson & Bros. sent me a letter to them from Mrs. O.S. Pollock, requesting them to furnish 14 copies of our Catalogue. Told him to request for them here. This same person wrote for an <u>illustrated</u> catalogue somedays ago, & I informed her that I would send what I have for 25cts. Many of these schools think they are entitled to them gratuitously.

Shewed to Mr Hyde Rice's price for negative & prints of the building. He gave me the names of Canova and Murillo for the statues. Wrote to Ezekiel.

Met Mrs Eastman & Gen Smith of Lexington Va. in the Gallery, & they both send regards to Ezekiel.

Putting up barrier

Somerville's men brought the barrier for the Main Gallery. They did not know they had to plug the wall for the uprights. Mr Somerville 'came' by his request the men will be allowed to work late & early until finished.

Letter from Swain Gifford artist N.Y. explaining why he had not sooner replied to my letter about exhibiting the picture Miss Hallowell commended. It has been sent to England. He will send a something here some day.

Letter from Dr Morrison Provost of the Peabody Institute Baltimore, asking where our umbrella stand was made. Answered.

Mrs President Garfield was in the Gallery – Plain-looking.

Mr Corcoran called with Miss Welling & another lady. He requested a meeting of the Board to be called for noon on Monday next.

Wrote to Miss Tunstall Va.

Wrote to Thos. S. Noble, artist, Cincinnati, telling him to send his "Rehearsal" for exhibition here, if he wishes.

# April 8

Cloudy mild, & signs of rain, which came very heavily all day. Card from Mr Avery acknowledging receipt of his photo.

Letter from Earle & Sons, offering Calame's Lake of Geneva \(\frac{126}{2}\) x 32 in \(\frac{1}{2}\) for \(\frac{1}{2}\) 000.

Working-men are getting along with the barrier in N. Gallery.

Made a copy in oil of my "Cavalry Picket" painted in 1869.

V. 103 + 2 \$25.75 C. 7 \$1.75 P. \$7.00

### April 9.

Raining. The temperature is much milder.

Avery's letter to send Washington to Boston.

Letter from Mr Avery requesting his Washington to be sent to Williams & Everett, Boston, as <u>freight slow</u>. Sent it by Knox & sent his bill & Williams' for unpacking & packing.

Card from G.M. Porter 'Providence' asking for catalogue – Sent it.

Miss Hosmer's letter about her statue of "Puck"

Letter from Pettes & Leathe 108 Washington Av. St. Louis, enclosing a copy of a letter from Miss Hosmer, sculptress Rome, in reference to her statue of "Puck" which was sent to Mr McCreevy of St. Louis, and which is offered for sale to this gallery. The letter is a most sprightly one.

The M. Gallery barrier is going up expeditiously.

Preparing my contingent account for Monday.

Dr Jouy sent 6. small <u>Cordays</u> – 1 rejected- 13 Fun & Fright, 1 rejected and 6 Bierstadt's – 1 rejected.

V. 302 C. 20 \$5.00 P. \$5.25

# April 11

Monday, bright very mild - warm - Spring is here! Dr Barbarin on duty.

Meeting of the Board

Prepared & submitted my Contingent a/c to the Board that met at noon. Mr Corcoran cam. Dr. Welling, Mr Hyde Messrs Matthews, Riggs, McGuire, Clarke, Baird & Kauffman. Mr Walters absent.

Works of art referr'd to the Art. Com:

The following applications for sale of pictures were referred to the Art. Committee: Portrait of Lord Baltimore by Vandyke, from Titian R. Peale, through Dr. Welling − "A Pastoral Visit" by R.N. Brooke ↑\$2,000↓ 1881. Flower-piece by W.T. Matthews \$500.— Marble Statuette of "Puck" by Miss H Hosmer \$1200.—"Lake of Geneva" by Calame, \$3,000 − Portrait by H. Clay by C.B. King-from J.C. Cranch \$200. unframed. Mr Flaherty's bids for new tin roof, ref'd to the Building Committee. Building Committee made a Report, & also Art Committee reported contract with Mr Ezekiel for 7 statues on west side of building. Titian, Rembrandt, Rubens, da Vinci, Murillo, Canova, Crawford.

Card from Miss E. Fowler, Sherman Grayson Co. Texas asking price of largest Corday. Replied.

Barrier will be finished to-day perhaps.

Mr Clark's motion to have a 4th. member of the Art Committee was adopted, & Mr Kauffmann was suggested as the person so added.

The Secy was authorized to sign contract for leases & attach seal of the Gallery.

Night exhibitions to close on April 14th.

Curator's quarterly a/c rendered & \$100 ordered to his credit.

Curator authorized to acknowledge Mr. Stiebig, & Art Rev. presents.

Part of Lot 7. Sq: 370 owned by Gallery to Haase & Ockerhausen sold for \$5,000 approved & Secretary authorized to execute sales. Went home at 3 p. m. Rheumatism in my same hip. It is now 11 weeks since the asst. Curator went on jury. V. 57 + 3 \$14.25 C. 11 \$2.75

### April 12

Tuesday, a little rain in the morning. Mild & cloudy afterwards. This is my <u>birth-day</u>, & am glad I feel so relieved of rheumatism. Mr Hedgman ill.

Sent off advertisements to three papers about the <u>last</u> night-exhibition on 14th.

Barrier completed this morning, though through accident a piece of it was broken & will be mended. After being well cleaned, it will be bronzed.

Some stationary rec'd from Morrison.

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Judge Noah called & gave me many interesting notices of his father's career. Mr Corcoran came in & on being introduced he spoke of having \(^{met}\) & known\(^{1}\) Judge N's father very well. This led to many incidents in Mr Corcoran's life, which he is fond of telling. Judge N. will being here his famous portrait of "Louis XV as a Boy" by L'Argilliere for Mr Corcoran to look at.

V. 216 C. 13 \$3.25 P. \$2.25

# April 13

A light rain falling occasionally- temperature mild.

Letter from S.R. Koehler Boston, stating that a fine Exhibition etchings (America) is now open at the Museum of Art.

Letter from Mr A.D. Savage, New York Metropn. Museum of Fine Art asking if we have the photograph of Statue No. 22 Cesnola Collection, with the right hand wanting, like the autotype in Feuardent's card showing the difference between the statue originally, & as it now stands, to reply by telegram. Sent word we have the photo, & would write to-day. There is quite a controversy in print now between Feuardent & Genl. Cesnola. into which this Gallery will not enter, but merely show the photo, which proves what Feuardent asserts that the statue has been altered from its original condition if being without the right hand, and to what it now shows a right hand holding a patera. Wrote to Mr Savage.

Mr Clark called. He requests me to send the papers about the Lord Baltimore portrait from Mr Peale to Mr Walters as the he may be able to dispose of the picture to the Peabody Institute. Sent them & wrote to Mr Walters.

Mr Peale called. I told him about the disposition of his papers.

Mr Corcoran called with Miss Robinson. He left a telegram from Mr Kauffman N. York, stating he had secured "The Parthenon" at Gifford's sale for \$5100. Mr C. said he had told him he might go as high as \$4000. He left also a Herald containing a list of the 1st day's sale – wherein the prices were low, the highest being \$950 for the "Mattherhorn at Sunrise".

Mr Corcoran desired me to tell Williams & Everett if they write to me, that he would give \$1200 for the "Greek Temple at Olympia" by Tilton.

Judge Noah left the Portrait of Louis XV when a boy here.

Mr Corcoran says Mr Matthews had got Dr Barbarin off the jury altogether, & wished to mention it to the latter.

Mr Forsberg & Mr Andrews called, to consult our books for designs for saints.

William MacLeod Journal, 1881

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Letter from Mr Avery enclosing \$4.50 for expenses on his "Washington & De Lauzen at Yorktown".

While carelessly bringing down at one load 6 tables from man gallery, Cassidy upset the bust of Vitellius in the Right Corridor & smashed it all to pieces.

V. 76 + 15 \$19.00 C. 7 \$1.75 \$3.00

# April 14

Cloudy and raw.

Mr Clark called & requested me to modify the letter I wrote to Mr Walters, which I did & sent it.

\$100 for Contingent Fund

Sent list of applications to sell pictures to Mr Riggs, & got from Mr Hyde \$100, for Contingent Fund.

Mr came with Boardman's clerk to shew specimens of albums for photographs. Will call tomorrow.

Arrival of Gifford's Parthenon

At noon Gifford's "Ruins of the Parthenon" arrived by express from New York. It looks larger & finer than when I saw it in N.Y. in October last. The interest if the picture does not sufficiently concentre on the "Ruins", but the work is beautifully painted with strength & delicacy. The quiet serenity of the sky the dreamy distance, the azure of the sea, all harmonize with the feeling antiquity, brooding over the scene. Mr Corcoran called with an old friend, Mr Wilson, who recognized the truth of the picture. Mr C. left a newspaper slip containing Gifford's wish about the destination of the picture — to be in some great gallery, & at his request had it pasted on the back of the picture which is paneled. Admiral Almy called & liked it, though he thought the sea was too near the temple. Mr Noah liked it also. Freight on the picture \$11.40.

Two letters from A. Duncan Savage, Museum of Art N.Y. in reference to Feuardent's charge against Gen Cesnola of altering the right hand of a statue, & affirming it was false as other prints represented the statue just as it is now. Answered.

Mr Andrews sent up Mrs Tayloe's portrait & copy.

Sent word to McElroy not to send up <u>Grose's</u> picture until Monday. Too fatigued to attend the <u>last</u> night exhibition.

(Day) V. 410 C. 19 \$4.75

Night  $170 + 8 $17.00 ext{ } 16 ext{ } 4.00 ext{ }$ Total  $580 + 8 $17.00 ext{ } 35 ext{ } $8.75 ext{ }$ 

Mr Taylor came from Boardman with samples of English bound Photo Albums, to hold our photos of Artist & cabinet photos of statuary. Left them for examination.

### April 15

Bright, mild, & genial. Good Friday.

Hung Mrs. Tayloe's portrait in ^E^ side gallery.

Planned the hanging of Gifford's "Parthenon" in the Main Gallery & will try to set it up to-morrow. Its light color will require good surroundings.

Mr Corcoran, Miss Welling & Miss Robinson. Miss W is delighted with the Parthenon, & would like the Gallery to buy the Louis XV, by L'Argilliere.

Dr Welling called & liked the "Parthenon" very much but thought the price excessive.

Letter from Mr Greenleaf of the Boston Museum. He is surprised to hear Dielitz cannot supply the "Flying Mercury". Theirs was bought from a private party.

V. 112 + 14 \$28.00 C. 19 \$4.75 P. \$2.25

### April 16

Saturday. Bright, & pleasantly mild.

Completed my survey of the Main Gallery & settled upon the change needed to place the Parthenon in a good position.

Mr Clark called & thinks the new picture a good one. He decided to reject Mrs Hubbells picture of Tuccia, & I so informed her by note.

Mr Kauffmann came in. He is anxious to see how it the "Parthenon" will be hung.

Mr Taylor took away the samples of binding for a photo album. The cost of one holding one hundred pages \$25.00.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Welling called. Mr C. left two more newspaper slips from New York papers.

Received a Pamphlet "selections from Friederich's Bausleine Greek Art. Translated by D. lady Eaton.

V. 600 C. 27 \$6.75 P. \$6.25

# April 18

Monday. Mild but cloudy.

Hung the "Parthenon" in Main Gallery, but it was necessary to make great change on the East Wall. It does not appear as well as it ought there owing to its peculiar color, simple treatment. It is over powered by the size of the Gallery as well as the force & strong color of other pictures. It would look better in the side Gallery. It is admired of course, but disappoints most persons in view of its price, which is considered extravagant. Hung Mr Grose's "Green River, Colorado" in E. Gallery. Letter from Mrs. O.S. Pollack, Christiansburg Va. requesting 8 catalogues, for which she sent money order for \$2.00. Sent them & wrote to her.

Letter from Mr Walters in reference to the Portrait of Lord Baltimore. Thinks it of no interest whatever. He encloses two cards of admission to his Gallery either on Tuesday, Friday or Saturday of his week, for the benefit of the Decorative Arts' Association.

Ezekiel's letter about his "Jessica", "Judith" &c

Letter from Mr Ezekiel Rome, acknowledging receipt of the photo of the building, and enclosing one (profile of his "Jessica", & one of his "Eve". He hints nothing of the "Jessica" being a likeness of Miss Tunstall, has sold it, & speaks of it as very popular: he has finished his Judith in marble: thinks it will be a good thing to place in the Octagon Room instead of Shakespeare with pedestal \$2,000.

Mr. Kauffman called & is satisfied with the position of the Parthenon.

Mr Corcoran called & I read Mr Ezekiel's letter to him. He is evidently pleased with the Louis XV, as was also Miss Eustis who came in. The latter still wishes to buy "Mercedes".

Two men called to mend bust of Vitellius. Will call tomorrow.

Geo. M. Schaeffer upholsterer, will call to repair window screens tomorrow.

Mr Barlow sent up a painting of "Progress of Christianity." It is of the medieval style representing Christ seated in the back of a chariot holding a globe, & facing him sits the Virgin, a bull, a Lion & an eagle and an angel are drawing the chariot, assisted by the Pope, a Cardinal & two other ecclesiastical – It is painted well on a ground of gold. V. 78 + 6 \$19.50 C. 16 \$4.00 P \$2.00

# April 19th.

Tuesday. Cloudy & mild.

Letter to the Trustees from R.N. Brooke artist, offering to sell his "Pastoral Visit" to the Gallery – Price \$2100 – including frame. \$100 more than he told me.

Postal from Chas. A. Humphreys, Framingham Mass. wanting to know price of Catalogue – answered.

Mr Hyde Clark called. He tells me that the "Progress of Christianity belonged to a queer old collector of pictures, & artist by name Douglass Wyath, who had a place in the dome of the Capitol, & who died last winter.

Mr C approves of 'spring' roller-screens to the windows of the Trustees & "Bronze Hall Rooms - & will speak to Mr Hyde about them – also 'for' the skylights of Main Gallery. He will call at Somerville's & tell them to repair the broken band, & finish the <u>barrier</u> for painting. He thinks it might be painted the color of the 'walnut' panel without estimate.

Letter from Leigh Robinson Esq. thanking Mr Corcoran & myself in the privilege granted to Mr Guillaume to copy the portrait of John Randolph Va. by C. Harding.

Mr Corcoran called. I read to him Mr. Brooke's letter to the Trustees, offering to sell his "Pastoral Visit" for \$21.00.

V. 420 C. 37 \$9.25 P. \$4.50

# April 20

Rainy & dark, though mild.

I have a bad attack of sciatica.

Man came from Smithsonian Institution to repair the bust of Vitellius. Will begin it this afternoon.

Had the screens of 2 windows in Trustees' Room repaired.

Mr T.R. Peale called & left his Phila address "Acady of Natural Sciences, 19th & Ruce St.

Mr McElroy took measure of frame for copy of Mrs. Tayloe, & for label for "Parthenon".

Progress of Christianity, \$1200

Mr Hopkins (owner of Progress of Christianity called wished it exhibited – Price \$1200. Will send it to New York.

E. Law Rogers Balt. called & made a large purchase of Photographs. Mr Corcoran called.

V. 70 \$17.50 C. 9 \$2.25 P. \$10.50

# April 21

Bright & mild. My sciatica somewhat easier.

Dr Barbarin sent a note that he was all last night with jury & will not be here to-day.

Miss Eva Fowler Sherman, Texas- sent stamps for a Corday. Sent.

Mr Clark called & left the papers asking for cresting the roof – new linning the roof &. he authorizes me to have the barrier <u>painted</u> in bronze, & have the spring-roller screens over the skylights. The call for new awnings to be suspended until the old ones are examined to see if they can be <u>reversing</u> be made serviceable, no order yet issued for tinroof of oiling the stonework.

Revd. Mr Morrison called & gave me some information about the typical significance of the animals & other parts of the Progress of Christianity. The <u>Eagle</u> represents St. Johnpersonifying his lofty flight, & piercing vision, the Lion represents St Mark, & the ox St Matthews.

Judge Noah & Genl. ^S.C.^ Boynton of N.Y. called, & the latter having bought from the former the portrait of "Louis XV when a Boy" by L'Argilliere, requested me to keep it in the gallery for a few weeks. Gen Boynton's address is 45 W. 39th. st. N.Y.

Mr Corcoran called & complained of vertigo.

Mr <u>Karl</u> formerly of <u>Lycett</u>, called & gave hints how catalogues & Reports were to be bound.

Mr Copeland called. & said he would charge \$5.00 for repairing the awnings – but thought we ought to have new ones.

Bronze stolen!

Another small Barye bronze was stolen to-day, in a short interval between the visits of the keeper, on free day again!

Wrote to Dr Morrison, Peabody Institute, Balt. to know where he got his "Flying Mercury", & its cost.

V. 490 C. 26 \$5.25 P. \$9.50

# April 22

William MacLeod Journal, 1881

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Cloudy & damp though mild. Bad for my sciatica.

Postal from E. Leftwich, Rome Ga. to Mr Corcoran, who asks about <u>rules</u> for <u>copying</u>. At MR C's request, answered it & sent copy of Regulations. The writer is a <u>teacher</u> who writes "dayly"!

Gibson Bros. sent up copies of the printed By-Laws.

Mr Corcoran called & wishes me to tell Mr Cranch that as the Art Committee does not seem disposed to buy his "Henry Clay", he will give \$100 for it.

Mr Hyde called & took a copy of some of the proceedings of the Board on the By Laws to show to Treasury Department. He came in again & left the copy of the By-Laws with certain writings attached, & other amendments in pencil which Dr Barbarin is to copy.

Capt. S. B. Luce called & spoke of the picture of the "Constitution frigate chased by a British squadron," in Williams' & Everett's Boston. He would like to see it exhibited here, & will write to them about it.

Sent thanks of Board to Mr Strieba for gifts of etchings &c.

Sent off Mrs Schwing's Hero & Leander to her, Balt. Md.

Mr Williams sent bill of \$1.50 for packing it.

V. 93 + 10 \$23.25 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$2.75

### April 23

Bright & very mild. <u>Our first spring</u>-day. Sciatica still painful. Dr. Barbarin.

Letter from Dr Morrison, stating their cast of "Flying Mercury" came from Rome & cost there <u>240 lire</u>. He has a catalogue of the Louvre casts, but <u>that</u> is not among them.

Letter from Brucciani London, Apl. 12. stating that the "Cupid" by M. Angelo, was that ^day^ sent to us.

Ordered "Flying Mercury" from Elkington & Co.

Wrote to Elkington & Co. London, to order a cast of his "Mercury by Giovanni da Bologna, £ 5.00.0 – as given in his list, of it be the "Flying Mercury" by that sculptor, as no doubtless it is.

V. 565 C 29 \$7.25 P. \$4.00

# April 25

Monday. A hot, very hot, hazy sultry day. In our cool office Therr. stands 76°.

Mr Corcoran sent up a postal from Mr Chesteman, "Despatch" Office, Richmond Va. asking for information about <u>L'Ami</u> painter of "Yorktown". Sent all I knew.

Mr Corcoran will answer Mr Blaine's State Dept. letter transmitting a letter from Consul General at Vienna, with a catalogue of 'pictures by' old masters. I am to show the letter to M. Kauffmann.

V. 106 + 5 \$26.50 C. 8 \$2.00

The Farragut Statue holiday

This is a holiday in honor of the Unveiling of Miss Ream's bronze statue of Admiral Farragut. The display is chiefly a naval, 'our' is also by "horse, food, & dragons."

### April 26

Bright and hot, but not sultry. That is driving away sciatica.

Letter from Mr Br^u^ceiani Brucciani enclosing a photo of "Hermes", which he says is taken from a cast from Berlin, of which they have a mould. Price ten guineas, packing 15 shillings – Packing for America two pounds. These are higher prices than the Berlin ones. Answered.

Mr Gunnell called with a bronze which he wished to compare with one of our <u>Baryes</u>. His was evidently a spurious one.

Mr C. H. Sinclair Charlottesville Va. called in behalf of Profr of the University to know the cost of 12 copies of 12 large "Greek Slaves" – Answered \$21.00.

Mr Corcoran called & took away the communication from the State Dept. about the <u>Old</u> Masters in Vienna.

Mr Sullivan called & I ordered him to paint the Venus of Milo, & several reliefs, & told him to make an estimate of cost of cleaning & painting "Ghiberti Gate". He showed me a card from Boston Museum. "They don't paint casts". Mr Copeland called & agreed to wash, turn & set up the old awning (6) for ten dollars.

V. 303 C. 17 \$4.25 P. \$3.50

# April 27

Cool and cloudy – a great change. Bad for my sciatica.

Mr Copeland took away the six old awnings.

Three awnings screens placed over the central skylights.

Wrote to Mr Cranch Urbane O. conveying Mr Corcoran's offer of \$100, for his "Clay" portrait of C.B. King.

Sent Postal to Mr Clark that five pictures by copyists are waiting for a verdict from the Art Committee.

V. 108 + 2 \$27.00 C. 10 \$2.50 P. \$3.75

# April 28

Bright and warm – beautiful weather. Sciatica better.

Mr Flarherty called with two samples of tin-roofing. Obtained two pieces of the present tin-roof. One sample \$7.50 – other \$8.25. latter reduced 25cts.

Mr Clark came in & sanctioned the tin for \$8.25. He examined the specimen of applicants for copying pictures & the copies of others, and passed them all – excepting Mrs Hubbell's specimen – I notified her of its rejection.

Art Com: decline several pictures "Pastoral Visit" &c

Mr Riggs returned all the written & verbal applications of artists & owners to sell pictures & statuary, requesting me to state to them that the Art Committee decline buying them. Brooke's "Pastoral Visit" – Matthews' Flower-piece – Hosmer's "Puck" Calame's "Lake of Geneva" - & King's Henry Clay. Wrote to Mr Brooke, Earle & Sons, Pettes & Leathe.

V. 410 C. 28 \$7.00

# April 29

Mild, but at times signs of coolder weather.

Painting of casts ordered

Gave to Mr Sullivan an order to paint 11 busts & 7 bas reliefs, in addition to the Venus of Milo.

Mr Corcoran brought a book containing a notice of St. Memin & other engravers. His niece Mrs. Corcoran from Phila. came in soon after, & admired the new pictures very much. They tell me Miss Tunstall is at Mr Corcoran's.

Dr Barbarin's attendance of over 3 months as juryman ends to-day. V. 100 + 5 \$25.00 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$1.50

# April 30

Bright and pleasant. My sciatica still troubles me.

Dr Barbarin on duty.

Letter from Robt. L. Newman, Russellville Ky writes to know of the Trustees wish to buy a head by Mr Wm. Hunt, & one by Monginot, which he wrote about last June. Answered it.

Letter from Miss L. E. Leftwich, Rome, Ga. inquiring further about the conditions of copying in the Gallery. Answered it.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Tunstall

Mr Corcoran & Miss Tunstall came in. The latter has been very ill, & is looking thin, but still beautiful. She admires the Parthenon more than the "Sacred Bull", also the ceiling, but the wall color is not rich enough.

V. 500 C. 30 \$7.50 P. \$9.25

# May 2

Cloudy, cool, & threatening rain.

Letter from Profr. Baird enclosing a letter from him to me April 4, which was returned to him for fuller direction, though it was addressed "Corcoran Gallery". He sent with it a Catalogue of casts from the Director of Berlin Museum, which he wished returned after I had examined it. Wrote to him neither reached me.

Letter from Mr Walters enclosing the papers about the portraits of Lord Baltimore, which he is opposed to buying for this Gallery. Sent the papers to Mr Peale. A letter for Mr G.P.W. Healy artist to my care endorsed "to be retained" "until a <u>certain</u> delivery". Can't make out postmark.

Mr Brooke artist called and was surprised to hear of the unfavorable reply of the Art-Committee to his offer of "Patoral Visit."

Mr Sullivan has finished painting Venus of Milo, & is now engaged on the busts.

### Art-Amateur

Mr Clark called & approved Miss Ward's "Talking Well", & liked the two pictures of "Charity" & the Autumn Scene with Indians" sent by Barlowe who has lined & repaired them in fine style. His bill is \$80 for the pair. Mr Clark authorized me to subscribe for the Art Amateur – from Jany /81.

Miss Welling & Mr Wigfall called. F

Mr Clements is permitted to have his "Source of the Potomac" photographed at his expense.

V. 67 + 5 \$16.75 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$16.75

# May 3

Cloudy with cold rain. Necessary to have a fire.

Mr sciatica so much worse that I could not leave me house.

Mr Corcoran came. He is inclined to buy "A Pastoral Visit", but thinks the price high.

Mr Barlow called for his pay for the pictures repaired. I wish he was as quick to pay for his photos.

V. 250 C. 22 \$5.50 P. \$7.00

### May 4

Cloudy & cool. Confined to my bed all day.

Duke of Sutherland visits the Gallery

The Duke of Sutherland & party visited the Gallery at 11.a.m. by appointment, & was rec'd by Mr Corcoran, Dr Welling Mr Riggs Mr Hyde & Mr Kauffmann. They staid an hour & were pleased. The Duke is a short, thickest, flond-faced gentleman – very practical, as is his whole party.

Mrs. A. Hopkins was allowed by Dr Welling to exhibit here. Stuart's portrait of Edward Everett 19 yrs old. Exhibited here before.

Healy's copy of Stuart's "Thos. Jefferson" was sent to Mr Andrews.

Jouy sent a lot of photographs here.

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V. 79 + 20 \$19.75 C. 13 \$3.25 P. \$5.25

Weir's "Forging the Shaft"

Letter from H. K. Brown, wishing my interest in behalf of J.F. Weir's "Forging the Shaft," which he wants the Gallery to buy.

### May 5

Cloudy with rain. Still in bed, though better.

Mr Brady arrived called.

L'Art. 1st. 2r/81 arrived, & bill for the same.

Letter from John Cranch accepting Mr Corcoran's offer of \$100. for his "Clay".

Mr McGuire called. Likes "A Pastoral Visit," & favors its purchase.

Mr Clark called. Mr Somerville said by telephone, he is still waiting for new casting.

V. 455 C. 32 \$8.00 P. \$7.25

# May 6

Cloudy with rain. Got up to-day, but still not out.

Sullivan painting busts.

The man from the Smithsonian repaired Diana's leg.

Mr Corcoran called & said he would send cheque for \$100, to Mr Cranch tomorrow.

Barlow's & Bouton's bills & for "L'Art" sent to Mr Hyde.

V. 91 + 16 \$22.75 C. 14 \$3.50 P. \$1.50

# May 7.

Clear and pleasant. Still confined to the house.

Miss Markoe called to see about her "Rembrandt", which Barlow has been repairing (but not finished) which she wishes to send to Europe.

Mr Hyde called to inquire about the case of Mrs. Leach (late towel-washer) who wrote to him in a penitent way, acknowledging her insolence, &c & wants to have the work again. On being told of her misconduct he said he would settle the matter with her.

Letter from Mr Keene 334 N. Tremont St. Baltimore naming pictures she has for sale, Mr Corcoran also has a letter from her.

Letter from Earle & Sons Phila. with cheque ^ for 12.00^ for 3 large photos. already sent to them, & for 3 more sent today.

Art Committee met here to-day. Mr Clark & Mr Kauffmann – Mr Corcoran & Dr Welling also present. Mr K. was authorized to offer \$1500 to Mr Brooke for his "Pastoral Visit", & authorized me to offer to Williams & Everett \$1500 for Tilton's "Venetian Fishing Boats".

Mr Corcoran's left a \$100 cheque for Mr Cranch, which was mailed to ^him.^

Wrote to J. Hammond about the rule of sending money for photographs.

Ordered small Vestal figures & large Cordays from Rice.

Mr A.H. Clements.

Mr Brooke called, & accepted the offer for his picture. He wishes a photograph of it for Harper's Magazine.

V. 520 C. 38 \$9.50 P. \$24.00

### May 9

Bright & clear. Came to the gallery, but I feel very weak.

40 Cordays (medium) from Rice accepted.

Postal card from Miss Eva Fowler, Sherman, Texas saying she had not received her "Corday" sent to her April.21. Sent another & wrote.

Wrote to Williams & Everett, offering \$1500 for Tilton's "Venetian 'Fishing Boats." Mr Chas. Humphreys, Framingham Mass. sent 28 cts in stamps for catalogue. Sent it.

Sullivan has painted all the casts, & will patch Apollo.

Wrote to H.K. Brown advising that the "Forging the Shaft, be sent here.

Examined Dr Jouy's photographs.

Mr McElroy brought gift label for the "Parthenon". But it was too clumsy to be accepted.

Miss Markoe State Dept. brought here her "Rembrandt" repaired by Barlow but not finished. She wishes to send it to Europe by private hand for sale, and she does not wish

<sup>&</sup>quot;Forging the Shaft"

anything more done with it. She says B. charges now \$30 for the job, though he I told her me it would be \$25. Mr Taylor made a box for it, & she took it away.

A Mr Brainard of Boston called & said he had a portrait of John Howard Payne, author of "Home, Sweet home," painted from a daguerreotype, by <u>Willard</u>. He gave me a photo from the daguerreotype, & will send the picture here framed. Price \$200, unframed.

V. 88 + 2 \$22.00 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$1.50

### May 10

Bright, clear & warm, to my great joy, for to-day I feel like myself and the sciatica will soon be sweated out.

Baldwin & Bros. case of Casts- "Cupid" doubtless.

Letter from Baldwin Bros & Co. 53. Broadway N.Y. stating arrival of case of casts there, and enclosing a form of oath for me to fill & return which I did.

Mr Brainard called. Ill send the Portrait of J. H. Payne, ^framed.^

Rice's photos.

Accepted 14 large Cordays, 8 smaller do. 8 small "Vestals" figure.

Mr Barlow called. He is satisfied with the taking away of the "Rembrandt." I hope he will be paid, but I am surprised to hear Miss Markoe did not write to him. Mr Barlow recognized the likeness to J. Howard Payne in the photo left by Brainard.

Mr Sullivan brought his bill for 'painting' casts, & I sent it to Mr Hyde.

Received two notes from Mrs. Major Hubbell, and returned her picture.

V. 320 C. 34 \$8.50 \$7.50

# May 11

Bright and quote hot. Therr. in this cool room 80° at 1 p.m. so.

Went to see Profr Baird at 9.a.m. but failed to meet him. Felt much pain in my <u>sciatic</u> hip, but hope the heat will help me.

Gave Rice an order for 50 copies of General subject of "Vestal" & engaged to photograph "Pastoral Visit".

Rehung Fisher's "Autumnal Scene with Indians", & "Charity".

Mr Corcoran came in & expressed a wish to have the "Clay" framed by McElroy, & at what price.

I showed him the portrait of Clay photograph of Jon Howard Payne, but he did not like it because it was so old. He remembers Payne as "young novval" in his early career as the "American Roscius." He prizes his "Henry Clay by C.B. King," very highly, & says when in Newport he saw an unfinished portrait of himself by King, in the Redwood Library.

Sent Mr Sullivan's bill to Mr Hyde - \$35.00.

Postal card from E. Hammond, Charleston S.C. stating that 15 pr ct. off would have been little profit as a dealer. Ansd.

Judge McArthur sent for & got a copy of Gen. Birney's lecture on art.

John Mann is engaged removing ashes from the cellar for \$8.00. V. 84 + 4 \$21.00 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$2.75

### May 12

Bright, hot, with a breeze from North west. Ther. at noon 80 ½°.

Nr Copeland called with one of the old awnings that had been washed. It was too rotten to be of use. He says he will make new ones at \$7.00. He will give an estimate for large awning for the main entrance.

Opened the new ventilator over the galleries.

Some 60 or 70 young ladies of the Hagerstown Md. Seminary spent an hour & a half in the Gallery, & were delighted with the works.

Mr Corcoran called with a letter from Mr Ezekiel, stating his work on the statues is going on & he will remain all summer in Rome. He wishes an advance of \$1500 on them. He was delighted with the photograph of the front of the building, the general design of which an architect friend of his admires but recommends filling up the façade with reliefs, and he will model a design for the tympanum – Bust of Minerva in the middle, & flanked by a male figure of Sculpture & a female figure of painting. Mr Corcoran is pleased with the idea.

Mr McElroy sent up a note stating that he would make a 6 inch 28 x 36 frame for the "Clay" portrait for \$26.00.

V. 330 C. 23 \$5.75 P. 75cts

### May 13

Bright & still hotter that it was yesterday. Ther. in this office at noon 83, which really means 93° elsewhere. It is good for my sciatica.

Mr Corcoran's accepts McElroy's offer for price of frame, & I have ordered it.

Letter from Williams & Everett Boston accepting the offer of \$1500 for Tilton's "Venetian Fishing Boats", & has ordered it to be sent to this Gallery. Sent the letter to 'Mr Hyde' for Mr Corcoran.

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Mr Moody finished the copy of "Genesee River".

Mr Hyde sent up cheque for \$9.00 for Bouton for L'Art, also a printed pamphlet "Answer of Gaston L. Feuardent to Genl di Cesnola's attack upon him. V. 45 \$11.25 C. 10 \$2.50

# **May 14**

Cloudy & warm but not so hot as yesterday when the thermometer at the Signal Office was at 93°. At noon to-day in this office 79°.

Mr Renwick, architect of the building, called. He had not seen the decoration of the M. Gallery, admires it very much. He requested me to have accurate measurements take of the entire inside of one of the windows of the landing, 2d story with the depth of the sash, & sent to him, that he may make a design for a window ornamented with si colored glass showing the portrait of an eminent master in painting.

Ordered Boardman to order the Art-Amateur from the beginning of this year.

54 young ladies from Miss Adams' school in Baltimore.

Came to the gallery, & enjoyed the sight of pictures &c very much. They were disappointed in having no room where they could eat their lunches. I introduced the teacher to Mr Corcoran.

Mr Corcoran & his nephew James called. He brought Mr Brooke's letter about his picture, & Williams & Co's acceptance of the offer for Tilton's picture. At his request I have written to them stating that the picture will be paid for as soon as delivered here.

Mr Hall of Chicago applied to copy in this Gallery & left three specimens of her work.

Rice sent up 10 Cordays, 6 Vestals (genl subject) 19 Vestal (figures all 12 x 16.

V. 320 C. 10 \$2.50

### **May 16**

Monday. Cloudy & very cool. Therr in this office at noon  $72^{\circ}$ .

Letter from Walter Shirlaw artist, in London England requesting me to hold his Sheepshearing in Bavaria until he arranges for its removal.

Sent (by letter) to James Wiley Navy Yard, to clean the skylights. Mr Corcoran & Miss Tunstall called. He wishes me to send to his house tomorrow for a picture by Lanman which he has brought & place it in the 'East' side-gallery. The Clay to be placed there also.

Mr Andrews sails for Europe June 1. Mr F.B. McGuire called. V. 65 \$16.25 C. 10 \$3.50

### **May 17**

Cloudy & cold enough for an over-coat. Rain also. Bad for my sciatica.

Letter from Scribner & Co. N.Y. through W.L. Fraser asking if any more photos. of pictures had been taken since they got some for an article on this Gallery 2 years ago, & which they are about to print. Wrote them, we had no more.

Mr Somerville's man came & finished the barrier.

Mr Clarke came & recommended a <u>board</u> 4 inches board covered with maroon plush to be placed round the "Parthenon" instead of a <u>shadow-box</u>. He also says we ought to get bids from other awning-makers besides Copeland.

Miss Tunstall spent an hour in the office in pleasant chat. Mr Corcoran called afterwards, & asked what I thought of the Lanman", & said he would give the price when I put in the Record.

Lanman's "Home in the Woods"

I got Lanman's picture from Mr Corcoran's. It is an ordinary affair, the foreground alone being well done.

Mr Clarke left a memorandum if about the <u>red tower</u> in the "Parthenon", as being Venetian.

V. 234 C. 28 \$7.00

### **May 18**

Cloudy & cold. Ther. in office at 10 a.m. 68°.

Sent to Mr Renwick architect drawing & measurements of a window in 2d. Story landing.

Mr Hyde agrees to have 3 spring-roller screens (in the middle & at either end) if the width of two panels put over the Main Gallery if Mr Clark consents. The pullers to come down into the gallery below & passing over the rod holding the pictures.

6 awnings at \$7.00 ea. ordered for the Trustees' & Bronze rooms, from Copeland.

Newton is ordered to paint the barrier in imitation of walnut.

Will have to repair the curtains in Bronze Hall.

Boardman sent up Art-Amateurs from Jan. 1881.

Ezekiel's design for façade of building

Mr Corcoran called & left Mr Ezekiel's last letter to him & a note referring to a photo (which he sends) of the proposed group in the tympanum of the façade – Minerva &c, which he likes, and it is excellent. He also left Mr Lanman's receipt of \$150. for his picture. This & the "Clay" portrait are paid for by him, & presented to the Gallery.

Mr Matthews called & approves the proposals for awnings &c.

Went to see Mr Clark but failed to meet him. My limb so painful from the damp cold air, that I went from the Capitol <u>home</u>.

V. 57 + 10 \$14.25 C. 9 \$2.25 P. 75cts

### **May 19**

A cold, cloudy day with rain, necessary to have a fire. Have resumed my heaviest winter clothing.

Saw Mr Clark at the Capitol. He approves all the proposed improvements of awnings, barrier-painting &c but is opposed to purchasing <u>Stoughton</u>'s picture by Le Clear.

Sent to Markriter about spring-roller screens.

Got Taylor to put four inch board covered with maroon merino around the "Parthenon," to its immense benefit.

Mr Newton has painted barrier with 2 coats & will give another – very well done.

Letter from Le Rue Lemer Harrisburg Pa. enclosing 50 cts. for small Corday. Sent it & wrote.

Wrote to Col. R.D. Cutts for her address.

Miss Tunstall came & spent a pleasant hour. She left a photo of Mr Corcoran to be tinted by Miss Gray if possible. She says Mr Corcoran was mistaken that Ezekiel's photograph of Jessica was intended for a likeness of her.

V. 202 C. 22 \$5.50 P. 75cts

### May 20.

Cloudy & threatening rain. Not so cold as yesterday. Fire yet!

Letter from Mr Koehler referring to slow delivery of the "Review".

Letter from W. L. Fraser (Art Manager of Scribner's Magazine, giving a list of pictures of which he wishes copies of photos. Gen <u>Jackson</u> (53) <u>Sully</u> (56) Chief Justice <u>Shippen</u> (60) Prest Zachy. Taylor 84 J.C. Calhoun (95) – Prest J. Madison (46). He also wishes privilege of sending an artist to draw interiors & pictures.

Mr Markriter sent word could not put the spring-roller screens. A foreman from Mr Moses came, & proposed a new plan of screening the skylights, which he will submit in a written estimate.

Miss Gray called & I gave her the photo of Mr Corcoran left by Miss Tunstall.

Mr Copeland brought samples for awnings, one selected.

Mr Wiley cleaned the sky-lights.

Received from Rice, 9 small Vestals (figure) – 8 Vestal, <u>subject</u>, 39 Cordays large one refused.

V. 85 + 6 \$21.25 C. 6 \$1.50 P \$2.25

### **May 21**

At last warm bright day. Favorable to my sciatica.

Communication from Mr Moses for putting spring – roller screens in Main Gallery. Sent it to Mr Hyde. 24 screens \$130.

Cost of F. Mercury

Letter from Elkington & Co. London, stating they have a good mould of "Flying Mercury" & with iron fastenings the cast when packed will cost £ 7.00 nett. Wrote him to send it as soon as possible with bill.

Received a Catalogue of Casts from Brucciani London.

Answered "Scribners" letter (W.L. Fraser) by telling him that he can have any of our photos. on hand, but any others he wants, must be made at his expense, by our photographer. He can send his artist to sketch the Gallery inside & out.

Gave a second portion of new catalogue to Gibson Bros.

Wrote Le Clear, artist, N.Y. that the Trustees don't want "Stoughton's" Picture.

Mr Wiley finished cleaning sky-lights.

V. 612 C. 34 \$8.50 P. \$5.75

# May 23

Monday. Bright and pleasant day. Sciatica better.

City letter from Mr Healy, artist, requesting to send to him at Hon John Sherman's, the letter I mentioned. Wants his pictures to remain until the time he sails for Paris in <u>August</u>.

Certified Wiley's bill \$15 – for cleaning skylights.

Received Memorial Catalogue of Gifford's works, with portraits &c.

Mr Corcoran called and left a photo of "Titian" sent by Mr. Ezekiel, Rome, & taken from his model of that artist for this building. Miss Tunstall also came in. She has improved greatly in health & will leave in a few days, by way of Baltimore for Richmond.

V. 61 + 8 \$15.25 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$7.75

# May 24

Bright & pleasant with a fresh east wind.

Mr Clark called. Likes the improvement to the "Parthenon" & thinks that seven screens only needed for the Main Gallery. 3 permanent ones in the centre, & 1 at each end. Thinks the heads of Ezekiel's tympanum's figures too small.

Mr Andrews sent up his portrait of Revd. Mr Paxton, & it will be in the Trustees' Room until tomorrow. Mr A. & his wife called. Also Mr Paxton & Mrs Harlan.

Miss Gray brought her colored photo of Mr Corcoran, & Miss Tunstall came & suggested certain alterations.

Mr Clark requested me to write to Mr Renwick for his design for the railing in front of the roof to harmonize with the rest of it. Did so.

Sent proofs of 2d section of new Catalogue to Mr Gibson.

V. 370 C 16 -00 P. \$5.75

### May 25

Bright and warm – sciatica much better.

Miss Gray called & took away the photo of Mr Corcoran for alteration.

Mr Clark called 7 shewed a very <u>rigid</u> example of Mr Walker's painting of a Dragoon in the Archway of the Horse Guards' London present from Mr W.

Letter from H.A. McArdle, Independence, Texas, expressing a wish for a pupil to study in the <u>school</u> of this Gallery – calling for terms &c, & a list of photos. Answered him & sent list of Photos.

Arrival of "Cupid" statue.

The cast of "Cupid" by M. Angelo arrived before noon. The head was entirely broken off by its extreme weight, & the weakness of the strips of <u>slate</u> that attached it to the body. Sent for an Italian to repair it.

Spring-roller screens

Mr Hyde ordered that every <u>alternate</u> screen in Main Gallery skylights be fixed with spring roller. Sent for Mr Moses' man who took measurements each screen (12 in all) \$5.00 a -piece.

Rec'd daguerrotype of J. Howard Payne –very good. Mr Brainard called.

Mr Corcoran sent here a group of boors by Temiers belonging to Mr H. Adams, who wishes it placed in the 'East' Picture Gallery.

Sent description of the "Parthenon" & 3d part of catalogue to Gibson.

Schalken's portrait of an Old Man reading

Mr Moses, Adams' Express office, brought a small panel old oil-painting of an "Old Man reading a Mss. by candlelight" painted by <u>Gottfried Schalken</u> of Dordecht, 1643-1706. It belongs to a lady-artist who wants to sell it. It is well done & looks <u>original</u>, but needs varnish, to bring it out. Gave receipt for it.

Mr Corcoran, Mr Campbell, Miss Tunstall & Miss Welling called.

A strange incident occurred here in the copying class. A young girl of 18 – an excellent copyist, went off & got married to Mr Grose another copyist, who is old enough to be her grandfather. Two other ladies occompanied them, & at 3 ½ p.m. the couple came back to their work here! It is ^a^ rather absurd affair, & not quite the thing to occur in this Gallery.

V. 45 + 15 \$11.25 C 8 \$2.00 P. 75

### May 26.

Cool & cloudy with an east wind – renewing my sciatic pains.

Just a <u>year</u> to-day since Dr J.C. Hall visited the Gallery the <u>last</u> time.

Repair of Cupid & Clytie

Mr Lazzary the Italian came to repair the "Cupid", and got a brass rod to use. He will also repair the statue of Clytie. Dr Hill called.

Foster's pictures at Munich

Rec'd from Nuremberg a communication addressed to the Trustees from G. Henry Hosterman Consul there, & enclosing a list of old pictures (chiefly Flemish) belonging to Dr Forster, Munich.

Mr Corcoran called. V. 30 7 C. 18 \$4.50

### **May 27**

Bright & warm. Sciatica better.

Mr Lazzary finished repair of Clytie Cupid. Mr Taylor made a temporary pedestal for it in the Renaissance gallery where it was placed. It looks well, & improves the room immensely. Taylor was ordered to give estimate for walnut pedestal for it.

Miss Gray left the Corcoran photo. Much improved.

Mr Moses called & said the owner of the Schalken picture, will take \$50. for it.

A German visitor told me that <u>Chierichi</u> sold his original "Fun & Fright" to the Milan Gallery for <u>500 francs</u>!

Letter from Mr Koehler asking if "Ruins of the Parthenon" is photographed. He would like to have a large wood-cut of it, and thinks the subject will be falsified by the photo.

Note from Miss Albert 312 Clinton St. Brooklyn; wants Mrs. Ward's address.

V. 53 + 8 \$13.25 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$1.25

### **May 28**

Bright and hot.

Letter from J.J.G. Burghoffer, Chicago, wants to know if we <u>exhibit</u> pictures. He has one of his own, & some old masters. Answered it & sent Rules for Exhibitors.

Repair of Clytie

Mr Lazzary engaged in repairing <u>Clytie</u> – her head came off in removal. Mr Corcoran & Miss Tunstall called. He is pleased with the frame for the Clay portrait,

brought to-day. Gave orders for table for that Lanman's picture.

Greatorex's pictures.

Mr Pratt (brother of Mrs. Greatorex, artist) will send here on Monday some pictures by her son, & also some water-colors-.

V. 286 C. 11 \$2.75

### **May 30**

<u>Decoration-Day</u> and for the <u>first time</u> this Gallery is closed by order of Mr Corcoran who sent word to that effect at 9 ½ a.m. Ther. in this office at 10 a.m. 76°. Very hot outside. Miss Gray called & took away Mr Corcoran's photo for alteration.

### **May 31**

Tuesday. Bright & hot.

Card from Mrs. Alexr. Graham Belt, city, stating she had a portrait her little girl painted by Lobischon Paris last summer & wishes to exhibit it here "this summer if agreeable. Answered, send it.

Miss Gray sent the photo of Mr Corcoran altered. Sent it to Miss Tunstall, who came in shortly after- thought she had not rec'd my note- and left <u>five dollars</u> for Miss Gray. Miss T. goes to-day to Baltimore but will return before going home.

Mr Healy's return

While she was here, Mr <u>Healy</u> artist came in. He requested me retain his \$20 until his pictures are sent to N.Y. in August. He admired the <u>Clay</u> portrait. Mr Corcoran called to meet Miss Tunstall, but she had gone.

Mr Lazzary has finished the repair of Clytie, but the work is rough in some places. He is not an artist, & none but an artist should repair a cast. Certified his bill \$6.25.

J.H. Payne's portrait by Willard

Box containing portraits of John Howard Payne arrived paid 85cts on a/c of Mr Brainard for ft. &c.

Mr. J. D. Witman brother of C. F. Witman, painter of the snow-scene with moonlight on exhibition, called & said his brother intended to paint another 'snow-scene' of warmer effect send here. It appears he has been successful in selling his pictures at good prices in Europe, as well as in America.

V. 160 C. 10 \$2.50 \$3.00

### June 1

Cloudy but warm after last night's rain.

Saw Mr Rice. He will photod new pictures in ten days.

Letter from Mrs Shedd Providence, R.I. stating that Osgood will publish in the autumn her new book "Famous Sculptors" & wishes to have photos. of our <u>Fredk. the Great Monument</u>, & our G. Slave to appear in it which if course will be done. Mr Clark came in & on hearing the request warmly approved it.

Removed Miss Thursby's portrait from E. Gallery putting C.B. King's "Clay" in its place, & placing the former where the Pen & Ink Parnell Testimonial was, which I last I notified Mr McCarthy to remove. Hung Mr Adams' "Interior by Teniers" in S.E. gallery. I found that the damp from the leak in the upper landing, had injured the walls of the S.W. Gallery so much as to injure the fine print of Ariadne – the dampness spotting it badly. Sent for Mr McElroy to examine it.

Mr Clark authorized Dr Barbarin to adopt a method of preventing this leak, which he described & is anxious for the "Bull apis-Osiris' to be photoed.

The portrait of Mrs Bell's daughter by <u>Lobrochi</u> of Paris, arrived. It is a fine work indeed, but the back-ground is too yellow.

Card from Mr Brainard to know when the Payne portrait come. Ans'd.

Miss Johnston & sister called about getting permission to photograph the Ceracchi Bust of Washington. I will write to the parties that sent it here.

V. 26 \$6.50 C. 3 75cts

### June 2

Raining all day, with a cool north wind.

Mr Flaherty called & got instructions to repair the <u>spouts</u> of the building, as ordered by Mr Clark.

Mr McElroy called & examined the <u>Ariadne</u> print, which is not hurt on the face, but is mildewed on the back. He will call for it tomorrow.

Wrote to Paulding Kemble & Co N.Y. for permission to Miss Johnston to have taken a photo of <u>Ceracchi's Washington</u>, which they sent here.

Mr. Corcoran called, & stated that the price in the papers declaring that five portraits in the City Councils Hall, were to be removed to this Gallery, is unauthorized. He will receive the portraits of Mr Gales & Mr Seaton (when cleaned) noneothers;

V. 165 C. 6 \$1.50

#### June 3

Cloudy & cool with occasional rains.

Notice from the Smithsonian Institution with blanks, to acknowledged receipt of "Memorial of Joseph Henry, & of the Annual Report for /79, which are at the City P. Office. Sent for.

Mr Scott took away the Ariadne print & frame.

Moses' men are arranging the roller-screens in Main Gallery. Acknowledged receipt of "Memorial of Joseph Henry" & Report of Smithsonian Institution for 1891 1879, from W.J. Rhees its Chief Clerk.

Mr Corcoran called & said the City's Portraits would not be sent.

V. 65 + 8 \$16.25 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$6.00

### June 4.

Cold, & cloudy with occasionals rains. Last night I had fire in my dining-room. Have on my spring-overcoat now.

Note from F. E. Cobb 38 West 32d st N.Y. requesting to state if our photo of statue 22 (Cesnola Collection) has on the back name of Pach Bros. 841. Brdwy. N.Y. & if it is also numbered. Answered it has, and the number is 229.

A letter from Feuardent

Rec'd from Mr Feuardent a package containing another copy of his paper & autotype of Statue no. 22, & also his reply to Cesnola's charge of falsehood about ^statue no. 39, a photograph of which he sends, & one of the same figure altered by Cesnola. His (F's) defence is complete.

Letter from W.L. Fraser (Scribner's) thanking me Board for the privilege of sending an artist to make pen sketches of pictures & gallery, and wants to know if they will own the negatives taken by our photographer for their purpose & which they will pay for. Answered that they must promise to use the photos negatives for specific use.

Wrote to Mr Renwick architect N.Y. to send here plan or design of a railing to place on roof of building, in keeping with the one now there.

Mr Hyde sent up some letters to Mr Corcoran, for reference to the Board one from Miss Towle N.Y. offering old pictures – one from W. Bispham N.Y. offering an animal painting by his brother.

Mr Clark called & authorized purchase of 'suggestions of' Architectural Designs – to be in 20 parts. He also left ' for examination' a lithographed copy of a letter from Genl. Washington Decr. /98 to Dr Wm. Thornton one of the Commissioners for laying out the Federal City, giving direction for Mr Blagden to observe in building his (W's) two houses on Capitol Hill (now the "Hillman House".

Souvenirs of Dr. Thornton

Also for the Gallery two water-color drawings of female figures, and an engraved portrait of the Comtesse de Beauharnois, by Dr W. Thornton, presented by his niece Miss Mary L. Talbot, corner of I & 1st. St. n.w. These works are not of much artistic merit, but are interesting relics of Dr Thornton, who afterwards became the First Superintendent of the Patent Office.

Acknowledged these presents in a note to Miss Thornton's grand-niece of Dr. T.

Miss Mary Henry called for Huntington's address.

V. 285 C. 21 ^\$5^ 25 P. \$3.00

### June 6

Monday. Cloudy & cool – office very damp. Ther. at noon 69°. Yesterday & on Saturday evening sat by a wood-fire at my house. P.

Postal card from Brainard who soon after came in, & paid bill 85 cts. for freight of J. Howard Payne.

Letter from G. Paulding Cold Spring N.Y. conveying ascent to Miss Johnson to have the Cerrachi Washington photo'd. Sent it to Miss J.

Copy of Report of Archeological Institute, Boston, received, with a card for any applicant for membership. \$10.00 per ann.

Gibson sent up proofs of last part of Catalogue.

Nothing done to-day with work on M.G. skylights-screens.

Mrs. Burnett wishes to deposit an old picture for the summer. An excursion-party from Richmond to-day. V. 108 + 18 \$27.00 C 4 \$1.00

### June 7

Heavy rains in the morning, & more threatened, with a cold wind. Gallery very uncomfortable, and a fire made! It is one year to-day since Dr Hall died.

Mr Clark called & asked me to see Mr Spofford, Librarian of Congress who has an aquatint engraved view of Washington City, London, 1795! which has been offered to the Library for \$500, and then reduced to \$50. They wish to ascertain from old citizens whether (as there was not city built then – no houses visible – it bears any resemblance to the natural landmarks of the locality.

Note from Mr Renwick architect, stating he had no working drawing of the railing of the roof, and asking to have measurements of heights and distances between the bars made & sent to him. He has written to M. Lain (or Sain) to send estimate for glass for the upper hall – acknowledged it.

Mr Moses' men are putting the screens & pullies in M. Gallery.

Acknowledged Miss Mary L. Talbots present of "Dr Thornton Memorials".

Mr Corcoran came in after two days' absence at Deer Park. He brought a new photo from Ezekiel of a new statue, which he did not know the name of, until I pointed ^it^ out on the vase as <u>Leonardo da Vinci</u>. I showed him Miss Talbot's present of drawings by Dr. Thornton & he quickly told me of his best stories of a scene between Dr Thornton & a Mr Forrest. He is in excellent spirits.

V. 185 C. 8 \$2.00

### June 8

Bright & sultry, afterwards some breeze.

Went & saw at the Congressional Library, the print view of Washington, City in 1795, London. On comparing it with a view in Keim's Washington, from Georgetown, Analostan Island is in front.

Mr Clark approved my application for a leave of absence for 6 weeks – all of October & two weeks of <u>occasional</u> days before that time.

Found Mr Stiepevich's card on my desk (one also on Dr Barbarin's) but he has not appeared here yet.

V. 58 + 6 \$14.50 C 6 \$1.50

### June 9

Heavy showers & east wind – temperature milder.

Moses' Men yet at work on the Main Gallery screens.

Wrote to Mrs Shedd Providence R.I. and promised to send photos of "Greek Slave, & Fredk. the Great's Monument.

Mr Corcoran called for a few minutes.

V. 143 C. 12 \$3.00

### June 10

Cold, cloudy with occasional rains. Sat in my overcoat until the lower burners of the chandelier were lighted to warm us.

Anniversary of the burial of Dr. Hall.

Mr Edd. Janin, 1400 K. St. Left a photo of an old panel painting by C. Laft, Lerden 1649. representing the plague, in the shape of a Skeleton with scythe scattering a herd of animals, lion & tiger assailing them! It is sent by J. H. Mr Lean for sale.

V. 32 + 7 \$8.00 C. 5 \$1.25

### June 11

Bright, cool & very pleasant.

Letter from J.J. Barber Columbus O. requesting me to forward to him his oil picture "The Siesta".

Miss Smith (Louise Home) called to examine St. Memin.

Dr. & Mrs Kindleberger examined Lobrichon's picture of Mrs Bell's daughter.

In making up my a/c of Contingent Fund find a great deficit of \$35 – not accounted for – over \$16. in the last 2 months I strongly suspect a robbery.

A letter rec'd for Mr Andrews, artist from Dusselldorff. Mr McElroy sent back the Ariadne framed repaired & tablet for the "Lanman". V. 388 C. 17 \$4.25 P. \$1.25

#### **June 13**

Monday. After fine weather yesterday (Sunday) this day is cloudy with a cool east wind betokening rain.

Barber's "Siesta" ret'd

Sent Mr Barber's picture to him, & wrote enclosing Regulations.

Mr Noses' Men finished the sky-lights screens, but to-day they do not work well & sent to him. He sent up his bill \$70.

Stated my Contingent a/c, & assumed a strange deficit of funds which occurred in the 4th 2r/80, which I must look into.

Paid 25cts on a package from Phila. for Mr. Corcoran per Adams.

Mr Horace Smith's present of portrait of Mrs Blodget &c

Mr Hyde sent up a letter to Mr Corcoran from Mr Horace W. Smith Schuylkell Falls, Phila. stating his wish to sell a copy by Sully of G. Stuart's portrait of his grandmother

Mrs. Blodget, whose husband is identified with the early history of Washington DC. An engraving by Sartain from Stuart's picture & of the Revd. Mr Smith of the writer are in the same parcel received to-day from Phila. & also an engraving of a portrait of a Miss Smith painted by Major Andre. Mr Corcoran recollects Mrs Blodget as a most beautiful woman (very like Miss Tunstall).

Cesnola sent a copy of his work on Cypriote Antiquities

Mr Hyde brought up a specimen no. of a work to be published by Osgood & Co Boston of the "Cesnola Collection of Cypriote Antiquities", sent to Mr Corcoran by Mr Clark of Educational Bureau by request of Gen. Cesnola.

Meeting of the Board

The Board met at 12 a.m. Present Mess. Hyde, Baird, Clark, Matthews, McGuire, Kauffman – also Mr Corcoran.

Several application to sell pictures were referred to the Art Committee.

Art Committee reported purchase of the Parthenon ↑\$5100↓, & Pastoral Visit ^\$1500^.

Curator's a/c was rec'd, & \$100 voted for the Contingent Fund.

A proposition to make a 4th. member of Art Committee confirmed. & Mr Kauffman appointed.

The Curator directed to accept & acknowledge the water-colors &c by Dr Thornton, presented by Miss Mary Talbot, his niece.

The Building Committee authorized to have the walls & ceilings of side & south Galleries frescoed, during coming season.

Vote of thanks to Mr Corcoran for donation of the Clay portrait & Lanman's landscape.

My leave of absence.

My application for leave of absence through the month of October & also two weeks on occasional days during summer, approved by the Building Committee & sanctioned by the Board.

Professor Baird brought a copy (in German) of the casts in the Royal Berlin Museum.

V. 32 + 5 \$8.00 C. 2 50cts. P. 75cts

### June 14

Bright and warm.

Arrival of Tilton's "Venetian Fishing Boat's"

Card from Geo. Corliss, Pa. Acady of F. Arts, stating he had sent Tilton's "Venetian Fishing Boats," and shortly after it arrived. After Gifford's "Parthenon" fine atmosphere, Tilton's work looks coarse & muddy. Sent word to Mr Corcoran. Carded a reply to Mr Corliss.

Check for \$100.

Rec'd from Mr Hyde check for \$100. on a/c of Contingent.

Returned Mrs. Laughton's picture

Mr J.C.G. Kennedy sent for a list of Mrs. Laughton's pictures & mosaics, brought here by Feb. 23 /81! Sent it, & suggested their removal. Mrs Laughton removed them. Sent a postal to Mr Clark, requesting him to call tomorrow.

Mr Flaherty & men are at work on the rain spout leak.

Mr Moses' men are to adopt a new method of arranging the wires connected with the main Gallery screens.

Mr Clark of the Educational Bureau called.

School girls from Fredericksburg. Helped themselves to ice out of the pitcher in the Ladies Room.

V. 380 C. 14 \$3.50 P. \$1.00

## June 15

Bright, cool & breezy.

Mr Clark called & approved my placing the <u>Tilton</u> below the "Night" & above the "Sacred Bull Apis – Osiris". By Mr C's request I wrote to Mr Stiepevich to furnish designs & estimates for frescoing the ceilings of the Hall over Main stairway, & the Octagon – Room. The subject of frescoing the four galleries will be broached when he comes here, as they will be done in plainer style.

Mr Clark also directs me to send all the applications to sell pictures to the Gallery to Mr Walters Balt. & request him to endorse them with his views. Did so.

Mr Flaherty's men at work on the guards around the rain spouts.

Mr Moses' men at work on the apparatus for M. Gallery screens.

Dr Tyler, Geotn. called & gave me a 'copy' of the In Memoriam pamphlet got up by the Medical Society's addresses &c in honor of the late Dr J. C. Hall. He quotes from my newspaper notice of Dr H's interest in this Gallery.

Mr called in behalf of a request from the Art Dept. of the University of Ohio ^at^ Columbus, for a sett of our photographs which he says has a regular organized system of instruction in Drawing & Painting.

V. 78 – 5 \$19.50 C 4 \$1.00 P. \$4.75

### June 16

Bright & pleasant.

My sciatica is again troubling me.

Note from Dr Morrison, Provost of the Peabody Institute Baltimore, stating that Brucciani, London, has a mould of the "Hermes," but he has ordered the cast from Berlin/Answered it. Also rec'd from him the last Annual Report of the "Institute", & a catalogue of its Gallery of Art.

Mr Clark called. Thinks it well to notify Mr Walters of any purchases by the Gallery. Perhaps he may go over to Baltimore some day to see the Peabody Institute.

Mr Reading called.

Wrote to Mr T.D. Wilson N.Y.& to J. Elliott Condict Germanton to remove hence their pictures of "Woman's Devotion", & "Vision of St. Stephen also to Mr T.D. Wilmurt, N.Y. & Mr Witman Phila. to take away "The Song of the Shirt" & the "Challenge".

Mr Pratt left a letter to the Trustees, proposing 3 water color pictures by the Misses Greatorex (daughters of Mrs E. Greatorex) and the pen & ink drawing by the latter – Mrs G.

V. 330 C. 16 \$4.00

# **June 17**

Heavy rains in the morning afterward sultry.

Hung Tilton's "Venetian Fishing Boats" over the "Bridgman". It is a very ordinary picture.

Mr Pratt sent up 2 water-colors of flowers & one do an old woman.

Mr Leopold 'Maeller' brought a half length crayon portrait of a lady. By the Misses Greatorex.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Tunstall called. She leaves on Monday next.

About 350 men, women, & children (Sunday schools) visited the Gallery. They came from Easton Md.

V. 360 free 41 pay \$10.25 C. 7 \$1.75

### June 18

Bright & pleasantly warm.

Letter from Mrs. S.J. Condict, Germantown, requesting "Vision of St Stephen" to be sent to her C.O.D. & asking if it is necessary to send any one to box it properly. Answered <u>not</u>.

Letter from Mr Stiepevich stating he will prepare necessary designs for galleries, & will come here in a week or 10 days.

Hung Mr Moeller's crayon portrait of a lady in E. side gallery.

Mr Brainard called & inquired about the action of the Board upon the "Payne" portrait no action on it.

Left the Gallery at 2.p.m. being unwell.

V. 270 C. 14 \$3.50

### June 20

Monday. Hot. The weather is ridding me at last of the last twinge of sciatica.

Letter from Provost Morrison Peabody Institute stating he will leave for the summer on 23d. but will leave directions to admit myself & friends there.

Miss Robinson & friends called.

Sent notice of Gallery's additions to Mr Koehler.

V. 34 + 12 \$8.50 C 1 25cts.

#### **June 21**

Bright, breezy, & pleasantly cool.

Note from Mr Morrison, Balt. stating that Dr. E.A. Freeman the English historian will lecture on Baltimore in Novr next, & wishes to see if engagements to lecture could not be made <a href="here">here</a> (Washington) on the alternate nights.

Mr Flaherty is at work on the rain-spouts.

Mr Corcoran called while I was away. Had nothing of importance. Miss Tunstall has left for home.

V 265 C. 5 \$1.25 P. \$3.00

#### June 22

Bright and very cool. Last night's blankets. To-day winter clothing.

Letter from T.A. Wilmurt New York, requesting Meyer's picture of "The Song of the Shirt" to be sent by boat to his address 54 E. 13th St. Wrote him had sent it.

Letter from Mrs S.J. Condict requesting "Vision of St Stephen" to be sent to her address 5001 Green St. Germantown, by express. Wrote her.

Wrote to Genl. Boynton to remove "Portrait of Louis XV when a Boy".

Mr Flaherty reports he has finished the work on the rain-spouts.

Dr Barbarin left at noon, being unwell.

New edition of Catalogues rec'd

20 bundles (50 copies each) of new edition of the Catalogue rec'd from Gibson.

Mr Corcoran called. he is not going to the While Sulphur Springs as papers say.

V. 42 \$10.50 C. 9 \$2.25

#### June 23

Partly cloudy & cool. Last night was very cool.

Letter from T.D. Wilson N.Y. requesting a delay in removing "Woman's Devotion."

Miss Trapier, 7. Cooke Place, Georgetown left two porelain plates (supposed to be over 200 years old) belonging to Mrs J.W. Hayne Charleston, S.Ca descendent of Mrs. Rebecca Motte of Revolutionary memory who once owned them, & who burnt her house down rather than allow it to fall into the hands of the British, The porcelain is plain, and the ornamentation very common, \$50. is the price asked.

Requested Mr Grose to remove his Colorado painting – by letter.

Mr Taylor brought the pedestal for "Cupid", but it must be oiled down.

On removing the cloth from the repaired "Clytie", found that one finger-tip of the left hand was broken off & gone.

Dr Barbarin on duty at 12.30.

Notified Mrs. S.J. Condict that "St Stephen" had gone, & sent bill for packing \$2.00.

V. 360 C. 17 \$4.25

### June 24

Bright & cool. An extraordinary spell of cool weather.

Postal from J.D. Whitman asking to store the "Challenge" until his brother's new picture for the same frame, comes. Assented.

Ordered Thomas to remove glass shades from chandeliers up-stairs.

30 bundles of the new edn. of Catalogue sent up -50 in all -2000 copies.

Mr Corcoran called with his grandson <u>William</u>, now a stout young man. Mr C. does not want Mrs Wayne's plates.

V. 35 + 4 \$8.75 C. 3 75cts P. \$3.00

### [June 25]

Saturday bright & pleasant. Too ill to come to the Gallery.

Mr Barlow settled his bill for \$10.65 for photos.

Letter from Ezekiel about the pediment works &c.

Private letter from Mr Ezekiel, Rome. He has sent photos of Titian & Da Vinci to me with a letter – which have not reached me. He hopes the Board will commission him for the work in the <u>pediment</u>, & double column ornamentation – the design for this last has not arrived – states that his marble-workers have to be paid more for cutting the new statues. He will leave the cost of the pediment & double-column ornamentation to the Board, and when he gets the dimensions & price, he will decide upon & its acceptableness. He seems not to know of Dr Hall's death.

Arrival of "Mercury" at Baltimore

Printed notice from A. Schmacher & Co. Baltimore of the arrival ^there^ of case, containing Plaster Figure – no doubts the "Flying Mercury".

Mr Knox sent receipt for box containing "Song of the Shirt", but not the bill for hauling it to the steamship.

V. 240 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$6.40

### **June 27**

Cloudy damp & warm. At the gallery to-day.

Mr Stiepevich's proposal to decorate hall & lobby, & my letter to him.

Letter from Mr Stiepevich N.Y. He has sent by express designs for decorating ceiling of upper Hall & Octagon Room. He suggests treatment of pillars, walls on stairway & balustrade, & also the ceiling & walls of lobby & the corridors. For such work, he agrees to charge \$2800.

Mr Clark called & liked the designs very well, but thought the proposals of Mr S. rather indefinite. By his request I wrote to Stiepevich asking if in his proposal he agreed to decorate the ceilings of the Octagon Lobby of Vestibule & treat its walls in the same style with the ceiling of the Hall, its arches, pillars, & sides of the stairway – all for the sum of \$2800.

Wrote to Collector at Balt. about the cast.

Saw the customs' clerk of Treasy Department, & at his suggestion wrote to the Collector of Baltimore stating that the <u>cast</u> just arrived there was for the Gallery & requesting that it be allowed to pass the Custom House & forwarded here. Also advised Schumacher & Co of this letter.

Mr Corcoran called. He thinks the design for the ceiling of the Hall too weak in color, & the price altogether rather high.

He left another letter from Ezekiel who suggests designs with figures instead of <u>trophies</u>. Mr Newton is engaged to paint the repaired part of rain-spouts.

V. 63 + 1 \$15.75 C. 2 50cts P 75cts

### **June 28**

Bright & hot after the terrific storm of wind, rain, hail, lightning & thunder last night, which did immense damage to the city, blowing down trees, tearing off tin-roofs, & knocking steeples & towers.

Leak in M. Gallery

Mr Clark sent Flaherty to examine the building. No damage save a leak under the northwest cornice of Main Gallery – an old mortal spot-caused by injury to the valley outside.

Fraser's negatives

Letter from W.L. Fraser (Scribner & Co) asking me to push our photographer about his order. Saw Rice & he is to come soon & take the negatives for Scribner. Wrote to the latter that as he did not accept the terms upon which his request for negatives could be granted (paying for them) & his artist had not appeared to sketch the galleries I inferred he had abandoned the enterprise.

25cts in stamps from Mrs A. Eaton, Beloit, Wis. for catalogue. Sent with a postal.

All about the "cast"

Letter from Matthew Robson per J.R. Clarke, Baltimore, stating they had consignment papers of our cast per "Hermann" & asking me to remit £ 2.2.6 for freight, & certificate to release the cast. Not knowing these paper parties, did not reply, but stated their application to Schuhmacke & Co whom I asked to attend to the cast, & forward to it.

Mr Hose sent bill for cocoa-mat \$9.00. Sent it to Mr Hyde.

Mr Corcoran called. Five feet of his dining-room ceiling, destroyed by storm.

V. 278 C. 13 \$3.25 P. \$6.50

### **June 29.**

Bright & very hot. Our Ther. at 10 85°. Elsewhere 90°. I enjoy the temperature for it is ridding me of my sciatica at last.

Letter from Mr Stiepevich stating that \$2800 covered expense of all he proposed – scaffolding excepted. He will distemper in plain style the ceilings & paint in oils the walls of the side & corner galleries for \$400 each - \$16.00 – only \$200 less than was charged for the superior fresco work of the M. Gallery.

Letter from A. Schumacher &Co. enclosing filled forms of oath to be made before the Georgetown C. House Collector to show the "cast" is designed for this Gallery. This I effected but the seal of the Gallery which is also required, Mr Hyde says he cannot attach unless by special authority of the Board & hence a special meeting is called for tomorrow at noon, to give him such authority. My Hyde called & says Mr Riggs will not come to the meeting, as the Gallery's seal is not necessary. I doubt whether a quorum will meet tomorrow.

Letter from J.B. & J.M. Cornell, Iron Works, N.Y. stating they have the models referred to by Mr Renwick, & will furnish & place the railing for \$259.

V. 19 + 3 \$4.75 C. 5 \$1.25 P. 50cts.

### June 30

Bright with a pleasant breeze.

Letter from Collector Thomas Balt. stating he had requested Schumacher & Co to send the papers I received from them. He says nothing about the necessity of the Gallery's seal being attached to them. If he had written the day it would have saved the delay. Also letter from S&Co. advising me to send the papers when completed to Mr Robson who is a broker. Did so & wrote to both parties.

Special Meeting of Board.

I showed these letters to Mr Hyde before the Board met at noon- Dr Welling, Messrs Hyde, Clark & Kauffmann – not a quorum, but Mr Riggs was constructively present, he assenting to what was done.

Dr Welling slating the Object of the Special Meeting being to authorize the Secy. to use Gallery's Seal for certain purposes.

Letter to Stiepevich

Wrote to Mr Stiepevich by Mr Clark's request to give a more definite idea of what he proposes to do for \$2800.

Authority of the Secy to use the seal of the Gallery.

The resolution passed by the Board in reference to the use of the seal of the Gallery, by the Secy, empowers him to use it to pass works of Art through the Custom House, or whenever required in the transfer of real estate authorized by the Board of Mr Corcoran, or to execute any act of the Board where special authority to use the seal is not given in the act itself.

Miss Welling called.

V. 215 C. 14 \$3.50 P. \$4.50

### July 1.

Bright, breezy and pleasant.

A Mr Robertson of N.Y. shewed a letter from Senator Jones of Nevada, in reference to the removal of Wilson's picture of "Woman's Devotion".

Letter from W.A. Mason, Teacher of Art & Painting in Ohio State University Columbus, asking for a full sett of our photographs.

V. 36 + 8 \$9.00 C. 2 50cts P. 75cts

### July 2.

Bright breezy and pleasant.

Letter from Stiepevich, stating in detail his proposals to do the work stated in his former letters, though he does not include the walls of the Octagon Room.

Letter from Matthew Robson Balt. returning the signed entries for the cast, to substitute therein the name of myself & the Corcoran Gallery in lieu of that of A. Schuhmacker. I made the required corrections & returned them to Mr Robson.

V. 210 C. 6 \$1.50 P. 3 75cts

# Attempt to assassinate President Garfield!

A great crime has been attempted early this morning by a wretch supposed to be insane upon the President's life, & it looks as if it might issue in the death of the victim. I left the gallery at 9.15 a.m. & was on my way with wife & daughter to take a day's holiday down the Potomac, when Pa. Avenue was found in a terrible excitement by the news that Prest. Garfield was shot while about to enter the Balt. & Poto. depots on his way to join his wife, ^at Long Branch.^ It was first said he was dead, but soon it was soon believed he was only wounded & not dangerously. Being thus relieved of much of the horror of the dead, we went on our trip & had a delightful time. On our return we found the President was reported as fatally wounded – would die before morning.

The assassin is named <u>Guiteau</u> of Illinois, a broken down lawyer, spiritualist, & impecunious wretch – if a lunatic, a very methodical one. He boasts of his act, as necessary to save the Republican party!

The excitement in the streets, over the country, over the whole world is tremendous. The President was shot twice from behind, just as he entered the <u>Depot</u>. The firs ball grazed his right arm, the second entered his back below the 3d. rib, & is supposed to have entered his liver, & has not been found.

Mr Corcoran called here early, & supposing the President was dead ordered the Gallery to be closed, but afterwards revoked the order.

### July 3.

Sunday. The excitement about the wounded President is still great. Though the wound is very dangerous, there is a strong hope with his doctors & the Cabinet that he will recover.

His fortitude & nerve are very great, and he is confident of his recovery. This is being over sanguine, for the inflammatory stage is to come.

Prayers for his recovery are being offered up in all the churches.

An order has been issued to forbid salute-firing, & the explosion of crackers &c tomorrow. Great crowds are around the gate of the Executive Mansion.

### July 4.

<u>Independence Day.</u> A very quiet somber anniversary. The weather is very hot. News from the President during the night was very unfavorable. His pulse was much higher. It was believed that he would not live long. Through the day however he felt better than he had since he was wounded.

There are rumors of dissension among the doctors about the treatment, & who should have the patient in charge.

Letter from Kellogg & Butler Hartford enclosing 75cts for a mounted copy of "Fun & Fright" to go by express.

Mr Rice is engaged in the Gallery to-day taking negatives of pictures.

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### July 5

Bright, very hot, with some breeze.

Last evening & night the reports of the President's condition were again unfavorable. This morning he is said to be better, & now at 2 p.m. much better.

Sent "Fun & Fright" photo to Kellogg & Butler by express.

Wrote to Mr W.A. Mason about our photos. & told him of the rule that governed the gratuitous issue of them, & that it was necessary for him to send here some printed circular or prospectus showing that an organized system of Drawing & Painting is taught there.

Mr Hyde sent up a letter to Mr Corcoran from Mr Renwick, in reference to stained glass windows in upper Hall \$10. per sq. foot 540 ½ ft each window − 6 windows.

Mr Clark called & took to Mr Hyde Mr Stiepevich's letter proposing to embellish the galleries & halls.

Mr Moore of Adams' Express called & took away Schalkins' picture of "An Old Man reading by candlelight".

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The heat is very great to-day.

The condition of the President is improving as the day advanced.

V. 200 C. 7 \$1.75 P. 75.

### June 6

Bright & very hot with some breeze. Last night the hottest this season.

President Garfield's condition is more favorable to-day, though not out of danger.

Letter about the Berlin casts

Letter to me as Wm Marbod from Brash & Rothenstein Shippers Berlin, that they shipped on June 23, 4 cases of casts for this Gallery, per "Westphalia," from Hamburg for New York, K. M. 558-561. They have sent Bill of Lading to Messrs Hensel, Bruckmann & Loracher N.Y. who will forward goods on arrival C.O.D. freight & charges.

Dr. Barbarin went home ill at noon.

Mr Hyde authorized me to pay out of the Contingent Fund half the yearly subscription to the London Illusd. News, London Art Journal, & Portfolio, and then pay at end of each succeeding qr. Wrote to Tice & Lynch 34 ½ Pine St. N.Y. to learn if they are still authorized to receive the remittance.

Mr Corcoran called & thinks Mr Stiepevich's proposal is too high. I am to acknowledged its receipt & said it is under advisement.

New (31st) edition of Catalogues issued

New Catalogue issued, two sold.

V. 40 \$10 C. 5 \$1.25

# July 7

Another hot day, with little breeze.

President Garfield is better. It is generally believed he will recover.

Letter from Hensel, Bruckmann & Lorbacher about the 4 cases of Berlin casts. Wish to know if they are to pay duty on arrival of invoice. Wrote to them & requested to send a copy of the same form of oath, sent to us by Baldwin Bros. & Co. 53. Broadway.

Mrs Condict sent me \$2.00 amt of Williams' ill. Got him to receipt it, & returned it to her. Williams has rec'd same sum from Mr Wilmurt.

Rec'd printed Circular of Committee of Instruction, from Pa. Academy.

Rec'd 6 nos. of "Suggestions of Design". Paid \$3.00.

Mr Rice large & small photos. proofs, of Endymion, good.

Miss Trapier called for & took away Mrs. Hayne's old china plates.

Mr Newton will submit his estimates on Monday.

Thermometer in this office at 3 ½ p.m. 87°. which means ten more degrees in ordinary rooms.

Mr Darrell having reported that the water does not flow from the <u>area</u>, Van R. Morgan Supt. of Sewers &c is requested to have the sewer opened.

V. 205 C. 8 \$2.00 P. <u>8</u> 50cts.

# July 8

In spite of heavy showers yesterday afternoon, it is <u>hot</u> to-day.

President Garfield still improves, but his case is still uncertain.

Arrival of Flying Mercury & bill for ft. \$13.92 Statue 35. \$48.92

Letter from Matthew Robson enclosing bill of charges on cast just received from Baltimore-\$13.92. Sent the bill to Mr Hyde. The cast arrived this morning and proves to be an admirable one, & all safte sound save that the tip of the right toe is broken off. Got Mr Taylor to make a temporary pedestal for it.

Note from T.D. Wilson N.Y. asking if Senator Jones had sent for "Woman's Devotion" – if it is still here. Ansd.

Misses C.W. Conaut, Brooklyn sends <u>10</u>cts in stamps for catalogue, & asks if Chialiva's pictures are noticed in it. Ansd. & asked for <u>full</u> price of catalogue.

Card from Mrs. Condict, asking for return of the "Key" to "St. Stephen" – Sent it by express, with postal.

Acknowledged Mr Robson's letter – his bill is paid.

Mr Corcoran leaves this afternoon for Saratoga & the north. He requested me to tell Mr Clark, he had not time to call.

Mr Drake (Scribner's Mag.) called with Mr Pinnell artist. He selected new subjects for negatives, which he will take to Mr Rice. He bought some photos. Mr Pinnell will sketch pictures & galleries.

V. 24 \$6.00 C. 2 \$50cts P. \$2.00

### July 9

Cooler and pleasant.

The President still improves – a week to-day since he was shot.

Letter from Hensel, Bruckmann & Lorbacher N.Y. enclosing form of oath for me to fill up, & bill of charges for freight from Berlin \$68.80cts. The bill for the statues has not been rec'd yet. Completed the oath & returned it. Took the bills to Mr Hyde who will send a cheque to-day.

Postal from Rice & Lynch 34 ½ Pine St. N.Y. stating that they are still acting as agents for Tice & Lynch B.F. Stevens, London. Sent a cheque for \$12.74 cts to them in payment of six mo's subscription for London Illustd. News, Art Journal, Portfolio & catalogue of Sculpture in B. Museum also sent a bill for them to receipt.

Mr Houghton from Moses' carpet store came & completed the arrangement of the M. Gallery screens so that they work freely. The wires that hang below, do are far from straight but that cannot be helped. The screens appear to move easily.

I had to leave the Gallery at ¼ to 3 p.m. being unwell. V. 180 C. 8 \$2.00

### July 10

Sabbath -- & very hot.

The President improving.

### July 11

Monday. Another very hot day. Ther. in office 82°.

Letter from J.D. Wilson N.Y. wishes me either to send his brother's picture to Senator Jones, or tell him the work must be removed, & ask if he intends to take it, to send at once for it. Will consider this proposition.

Placed portrait of J.H. Payne & the water colors by Misses Greatorex, & Matthews' Flower-piece in the galleries.

Taylor took down the barrier in front of the Ghiberti Gate, and got a Smith to change the shape so as to extend around the statues to be placed on either side. He is also to supply 2 strips of walnut to be placed in the wainscoting, to which the ends of the barrier are to be attached.

V. 14 \$3.50 C. 3 75cts

### July 12

Bright & very hot. Last night was so. Great heat in the west.

Tice and Lynch N.Y. returned bill receipted \$12.74cts. for B. F. Stevens. Dr Barbarin on leave to-day.

Letter from Miss Elvira Henry Ferguson, Northside Va. expressing her wonder at not receiving from me a reply to her last letter. Hopes to have her work in Mss. by Christmas, & will issue at same time a French translation. Has been delayed by her mother's illness.

Postal from Chas. S. Keyser, 524 Walnut St. Phila. Is preparing a notice of Ezekiel's works from photos. sent to him. Wants to know when we expect to receive the four in our niches – where they will be placed! – if any are in the gallery! – their size & material. Here is another specimen of an art-writer, going to to write about these sculptures, of which he is entirely ignorant, & an account of which he exposes four others! Wrote him.

Note from Miss Conaut, Brooklyn, enclosing stamps for catalogue. Ack'd in a postal. A Mr. Jas. M. Stewart has an English landscape to offer to Trustees in Octr.

Mr Clarke called. He is waiting to hear from Mr Hyde in reference to Stiepevich's proposals. He will go north on Thursday.

Wrote to T. D. Wilson, declining his request for me to write to Senator Jones. Advised him to do so.

160 C. 8 \$2.00 P. 50

### July 13

Another bright, & very hot day – very sultry.

Scribner's artist at work. Declined <u>lowering</u> any pictures.

A very dull oppressive day.

Gibson & Bros. sent up bill for last edition of Catalogue.

V. 23 + 2 \$5.75 C. 1 25cts P. 25cts

### July 14

A bright pleasant day – a grateful rain last night.

Postal card from Mr Keyser, acknowledging my card.

Sent Gibson & Bros. bill to Mr Hyde.

In counting up receipts of last Catalogue, am surprised that they only show the sale of 2364 catalogues. The edition was 2500, & allowing not more than 36 catalogues given away, leaves 100 of them unaccounted for. \$591.12 amt of receipts.

Scribner's artist is making capital pen & ink sketches from pictures.

Blacksmith brought back the barrier but it was 18 in. too long!

V. 200 C. 13 \$3.25 P. \$1.50

### July 15

Cloudy & somewhat cooler to-day, but hot enough!

Letter from T.D. Wilson N.Y. enclosing order from Senator Jones to receive "Woman's Devotion" dated June 14. Got Mr McElroy to remove the picture to Mr J's house. It was done.

Order from Gen Boynton to deliver to Col Corbin "Louis XV when a boy", which the latter signed, & the picture was taken away.

Got Cassidy to clean the Ghiberti Gate, before the barrier is set up again.

V. 30 \$7.50 C. 2 50cts 75cts

### **July 16**

Bright & pleasant, though warm.

Flying Mercury set up in the Renaissance Hall

Set up the "Flying Mercury" by John of Bologna on the west side of the "Ghiberti Gate", where it looks, as I anticipated it would, very fine & effective. Fortunately the broken toe is not visible. The head supporting the figure is, Folus.

Mr Taylor set up the barrier again, but further back to protect the "Mercury," & have ordered Mr Newton to rebronze it. Also Mr to smooth the rough ends.

Wrote to T.D. Wilson N.Y. & enclosed McElroy's bill \$4.50.

Sent titles for 5 new photos to Rice by mail.

V. 200 C. 11 \$2.75

### July 18

Monday. Bright, breezy & cool. A great change.

Letter from Ed. Strahan, "Editor of Art Treasures of America", asking if an engraved military sketch by Detaille is like our "Bavarian Prisoners". Answered no. It is an illustration of the superficial knowledge of the subject, & ignorance or laziness of many of these <a href="hack art-critics">hack art-critics</a>, to see this man professing to "edit" the above work, or write about the art-galleries of America, & yet failing to come and study the contents of the "Corcoran", before describing its contents.

Letter from W. A. Mason Cambridge Mass. stating he instructs organized classes in Drawing & Painting, & also lectures on Art, in the Ohio State University. He sends a copy of the Report of said institution. He foolishly says he will not "beg" for the photograph, as though I had hinted at such a thing. Sent them by express to the University. ^Declined as our Mechanical Drawing is taught^ and wrote him that we had no photos. to suit the pupils.

Rice's bill \$129.45 including photo rec'd to-day.

Mr Rice sent up his bill for photos. from May 7th. to date \$130.70 – less one "large Corday" \$1.25. Certified it as \$129.45. This includes 35 Vestal subjects & 15 Vestal figures both small delivered to-day.

A colored infant left on the steps at night

A <u>colored infant</u> was left on the outside steps last night early by a <u>negress</u> who escaped  $\theta$  arrest by a policeman. The child was taken to the Infant Hospital.

Mr Clark Mills called to get the name of the person who now runs Wood's Foundry in Phila.

Miss Johnston returned Mr Paulding's letter permitting her to have photographed, Cerrachi's Washington.

Letter from London addressed to Mr Hyde. It contained receipt from Elkington & Co. for the price of "F. Mercury". Letter from Miss Jennie Harris Flemingsburg Ky, stating she had bought here 5 photos on 20th. June & paid for them & ordered them to be sent. She has not rec'd them & wants the money back if not the photos. Dr. Barbarin stated the case to the Post Office, & inquiry will be made about it.

V. 23 + 5 \$5.75 C.  $\frac{2}{2} 1 \ 25$ cts.

### **July 19**

Another cool breezy day.

Dr Barbarin wrote to Miss Harris about the photos which were mailed to her.

Letter from Miss Mary E. Williams Salem, Mass. requesting her "Monk Reading" to be boxed & sent to her with bill, also asking prospect of Board buying her two Morellis, which she wishes to sell if as she returns to Rome this autumn.

Stoppage of the drainage pipe in the cellar.

Mr Newton will come to-morrow to bronze the "Gate" barrier.

V. 234 C. 9 \$2.25 P. \$1.75

### July 20

Hot again with little breeze.

Letter from Hensel, Bruckmann & Lobracher N.Y. stating they had not rec'd the cheque for their bill \$64.80, which in my letter of 9th. I said would be sent by Mr Hyde. Saw Mr. H. who overlooked the matter & will send it to-day. I wrote to them. Mr Hyde sent up the cheque forwarded by Dr B.

Wrote to Miss Williams Salem, Mass. and had her "Monk" packed, by Mr Taylor.

A Mr Smith Thompson showed his improved tin case for filing papers – better & cheaper than Woodruff's.

V. 19 + 2 \$4.75 C. 2 50cts.

### July 21

William MacLeod Journal, 1881

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Cloudy cool with signs of rain.

Sent away Miss Williams' "Monk Reading" by Adams' express.

Mr Newton light-bronzed the barrier of the "Gate" yesterday.

Left the Gallery at 1 ½ p.m. preparing to change residence.

V. 230 C. 8 \$2.00

### July 22

Cloudy, cool & signs of rain.

Card from Mr Koehler, inquiring about the "Parthenon" photo. Wrote to him & sent notice of Gallery's work & also the two unmounted photos of "Parthenon", which Mr Rice sent up with two others.

Mr F.B. McGuire called; his father is quite sick in the country.

Found the "Promethean Vase" very dirty, & a dirty word written on it. Mr Hedgman cleaned it.

V. 46 + 3 \$11.50 C. 4 \$1.00 P. 75cts

### **July 23.**

Bright, & pleasantly cool after last evening's rain.

Letter from Hensel, Bruckmann, & Lorbacher enclosing bill of lading for one <u>case</u> of casts, & say balance of <u>10</u> (?) cases will be shipped to-morrow with bill for lading. Custom House officers are on vacation, & hence good are not examined quickly. Notified Knox to look out for them.

An anonymous card received requesting me to remove the name of Mrs. Wilson from her pen & ink drawings in the gallery.

Letter from D. W. C. Brodhead, Del. Water Gap, Pa. asking to send him for a friend, principal of a school, the price of an electrotype suit of armor such as ours - & where to be had. <u>Answered</u> that Henry II's suit 2500 francs – ordydizes silver suit £ 25.

Mr Edd. Janin & wife 1400 K St. called again to get the photograph accompanying the painting of <u>Death</u> which was offered for sale to the Board, & sent with others to Mr Walters Balt. by direction of Mr Clark, and which have never been returned. Left the gallery at 1 p.m.

V. 230 C. 7 \$1.75

### July 25

Monday. Cloudy & sultry.

Letter from Hensel & Co N.Y. stating the other 3 cases of casts had been shipped from New York to this Gallery. The bill of lading was enclosed – also a postal correcting the error of 10 cases, in his previous letter.

Stuart's portraits of Genl. J.P. & Mrs. Van Ness.

Mr Worthington called & wishes to place on exhibition here, Gilbert Stuart's portraits of the late Gen. John P. Van Ness, formerly Mayor of this city, & his wife. They are in the house of the late Mr Phillips their grandson who married a sister of Mr Worthington. I saw the pictures & the former is very fine & very fresh in color.

Wrote to Mr H. Walters Balt. & requested him if possible to return the papers, or at least the photo of Mr Janin's picture of Death.

Frt on 4 cases of Casts \$23.95

Knox's Express brought up the 4 cases of casts. Sent the bill \$23.95 for freight to My Hyde.

V. 44 + 5 \$11.00 C. 5 \$1.25

### July 26

Bright and pleasantly warm.

By Mr Hyde's request, sent photos of Ezekiel's last statue to Mr Corcoran Windsor Hotel, Saratoga. Wrote to him.

Went with Mr Worthington to meet Mrs. Phillips, and received from the portraits of Gen. & Mrs. J.P. Van Ness, a so called portrait of Sir Phillip Francis (author of Jumius) & a copy of a painting representing two children (perhaps infant Jesus & St. John) with a lamb.

Notice from the City Postmaster that the photos. mailed to Miss Harris, Ky. had been received by her. Sent a postal to her.

Hung Gen & Mrs Van Ness portraits in East Gallery.

V. 245 C. 6 \$1.50

### July 27

Cloudy & warm – signs of rain.

I expressed doubts to Mr Worthington whether Mrs Van Ness' portrait is by Stuart. The back-ground so red is unlike those of that artist, and the dress, showing the old-fashioned bishop-sleeves, appear to make it a work after Stuart's time. The face however, the eyes particularly are well-painted.  $\mp$  It is on a larger canvass than that of the General. Mr W. is to ascertain this point.

Brought up the David & Goliah on a temporary pedestal, to the right of the "Gate". It is a very fine work. Dr Barbarin fashioned some old "<u>leaves</u>" we had on hand for the private parts of it & the Hermes, an by my order the <u>point</u> of the former, & <u>testes</u> of the latter were amputated & laid carefully away for future use, when the taste of our people can demand their restoration!

I am surprised to find that the legs of the Hermes 'at the knees' are attached to a plaster 'die &' plinth, & also that the right foot and one calf with the head of the Dionysos, came in the box. The casts are in excellent order & were carefully packed. Placed the "Singing Boys" over the De Thou relief in Renaissance. Sent postal to Hensel & CO. N.Y. announcing arrival of casts.

Mr Walters not in Europe

Letter from Mr H. Walters Balt. stating that his father (Wm. T.) had not gone to Europe, but had been absent from B. & would return to-day. He would give him my letter.

Mr Feuardent's 3d charge upon Cesnola

Received from Mr Feuardent N.Y. shot no. 3 against Genl. Cesnola. V. 35 + 2 \$8.75 P. 35cts

### July 28

Bright, breezy & cool.

Letter from Mr Greenleaf, Boston Museum, stating that their pedestal of "Hermes" is 2 ft. 6 in high – height of those for all their casts of that height & style. They have not the foot attached to it – have placed it on a pedestal near by. Acknowledged it.

Telegram from Mr W. T. Walters Balt. stating he would mail the art-letters to-day with endorsement on each.

Bought six yds of maroon canton flannel from Perry to cover temporary pedestal for Hermes, which had to be dragged up to the 1st. floor in its box. It was placed successfully on it, at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3 p.m.

V. 240 C. 8 \$2.00

### July 29

Partially cloudy, but not as cool as yesterday.

Letter from Mr Walters Balt. accompanying the returned letters, all of which he has endorsed as objectionable for various reasons. In his letter he says he owns the great "sensation" of the last Royal Academy's Exhibition a picture painted for him by Altama Tadema, and which, when he it reaches him, he will be glad to have me come & examine it & others. The subject is "Sappho", considered the artist's greatest work.

Wrote to M. Edward Janin 1400 K. St that the photograph of the picture of the "Plague" is returned from Baltimore & can be had at any time.

V. 30 \$7.50 C. 2 50cts. P. \$2.00

#### July 30

Cloudy, breezy & cool – signs of rain.

Letter from B.F. Stevens Eq. 4. Trafalgar Sq: London, referring to payment for periodicals, & hoped would pay \$2.00 per no. until the end of the year. Wrote that I had pd. Tice & Lynch for ½ year, & would pay \$2.00 per no. Wrote to his agents & enclosed \$2.50 for July subsn.

Mr Worthington called & said Mrs Van-Ness' portrait was painted by Alexander, also that 2 barrels of letters were found in Mr Phillips house, containing correspondence between Gen Van Ness, Mr Burns (his father-in-law), Washington, Daniel Webster & other great men. Before it was known how interesting the papers were, two armsful of them were burnt up! Mrs. Phillips called also & told me the history of the pictures. She promises to let me examine the papers some day, which I would like to do.

Wrote to Mr Greenleaf, thanking him for his letter.

Recd Phila. paper with a sketch of Ezekiel's works – also an Indianapolis journal, noticing the pictures of Mrs. Ferry.

Gave order to Mr Taylor to make a black frame covered with glass for Ghiberti's "Sacrifice of Isaac".

V. 250 C. 8 \$2.00 P. 50cts

#### August 1.

Bright and pleasant. The record from this date to 8th. is by D. Barbarin.

Went off on a week's leave to Va. with my family.

Letter from V. de la Villestron Paris offering to sell pictures.

Extremely dull – no callers in the office.

V. 31 \$7.75 C. 1 25cts

#### Aug. 2.

Bright and pleasant.

Receipt for \$2.50 rec'd from Tice & Lynch N.Y. for B.F. Stevens' London, England – monthly payment on English periodicals.

Mr Clark called for a short time. Has just returned from the his northern trip. He likes the new casts.

Letter from Miss Williams. Acknowledges receipt of Monk Reading.

V. 218 C. 8 \$2.00

#### Aug 3

Clear and in the afternoon very hot.

Sent letter from Mr Walters to Mr MacLeod. (This letter I have never rec'd – Aug. 9).

Mr Rice sent to Mr Hyde for balance of his a/c. Returned answer there was no balance on our books.

Mr Clark (Educational Bureau) called.

Mr Mooney shewed in the office his copy of "Scene in Catskills" & took it away. It was only a study for private use.

V. 24 \$6.00 C. 2 50cts

## Aug. 4

Clear and very hot.

Miss Parker removed her sketches of flowers.

V. 230 C. 10 P. \$1.75

### Aug. 5

Bright & hot -then cloudy.

Mr Clark called, & he was shewn the letters returned by Mr Walters.

V. 33 \$8.25 P. \$1.50cts

#### Aug. 6

Fine breeze, but the weather is hot.

Etching received as from Bouton, publisher N.Y. entitled the "Nook in the Garden".

V. 73 C. 3 75cts P. 75cts

#### Aug. 8

Monday. Bright, breezy & cool.

Mr Joseph Rachmann, Rakeman, was sent by Mr Clark to make estimates for coloring walls of the galleries.

Mr Hayden will identify an anonymous head by St. Memin.

Mr Smilie came to take negative of the Source of the Potomac.

Mr C. Jongersen 30 Liberty St. N. writes in reference to a chromo of the "Talking Well".

Returned to the Gallery at noon, much benefited by my week's sojourn near the Blue Ridge, & am glad to find everything looks orderly, but the attendance of visitors is small. I understand Mr Clarke thinks the gallery ought to be closed at 3 p.m. at this season. A good idea, but it would be better to close it for a month to have the pictures cleaned.

Dr Barbarin left on leave at 1 p.m.

V. 11 + 4 \$2.75

## Aug. 9

Bright & cool, but hot towards afternoon.

Genl. Hagner U.S.A. (an old school fellow) & his brother Judge Hagner of the District Court, called, & examined the <u>Hermes</u> and other new casts, which pleased him. A very good bronze case (full size of the "Flying Mercury" is placed of the new "Portland House" here, but the talaria or wings are placed absurdly on the legs of the figure – not in the ankles, & one is placed inside of the legs! & the other. The caduceus is also smaller & is held lower.

Wrote to T.D. Wilson 225 W. 42d St. N.Y. enclosing my returned letter & McElroy's bill.

Wrote to Miss Williams, Salem Mass, in reference to the <u>Morellis</u>. Letter from B.F. Stevens London, in reference to payment of his bills. Answered Mr Villestrems Paris letter – not buying old pictures. V. 134 C. 12 \$3.00

#### Aug 10

Bright and hot with a light.

Hung Mrs Phillip's old paintings in the gallery.

G.W. Riggs dangerously ill

Mr Geo. W. Riggs trustee, is lying very ill at his country-seat, with hemorrhage from the stomach and bowels. He is something better to-day.

No callers in the office.

V. 29 \$7.25 C 1 25 P. 75cts

### Aug 11

Warm but with a nice breeze.

Letter from A. S. Bowers, Brandy Station Va. addressed to the President of this Gallery, stating he is the son of a farmer, but wishes to study & practice art, and for this purpose asks for some employment, that he may get a glimpse of this gallery. Has never taken lessons in drawing from a master or any one, & yet aspires to be an artist though he knows the profession to be a precarious one.

Mr Riggs is better to-day.

Have received the note from Mr Walters forwarded to Va. by Dr B. & learn that the farmer's gallery & house are now closed, but he will be glad to have me call in the autumn when re-opened.

V. 251 C. 10 \$2.50 C. 75cts.

#### Aug 12

Clear and warm.

Mr Riggs is better to-day.

Saw Mr Hyde about Rice's bill, which Mr Hyde thought was paid. He found the bill yesterday, & it was receipted. I sent for Rice to see him about it.

At Mr Hyde's suggestion acknowledged Mr Bowers' letter and simply told him there was no place about this gallery to afford him employment, & that the President was away.

Very dull & quiet day in the gallery.

Mr Hyde read a letter from Mr Corcoran at the White Sulphur Springs Va. in which he complains of being somewhat unwell. He had heard of Mr Riggs' serious illness.

Wrote to Mr Clark, inviting him to call here.

Mr Hyde called up to see why responses to the telephone are not given – which <u>were</u> all in reference to J.H. Cooke's failing to pay rent.

V. 42 \$10.50

#### **Aug. 13**

Bright & hot – the hottest day this season. Our thermometer at noon 89! which <u>eight</u> degrees higher in ordinary rooms: at  $12 \frac{1}{2} 90^{\circ}$ . at  $1 \frac{1}{2} 91 \frac{1}{2}$ !

Letter from T. D. Wilson N.Y. enclosing check \$4.5 for Mr Elroy, & requesting return of Senator Jones' note to him. Did so.

Mr Clark called with estimates from Mr Ryckmann, which he will show to Mr Hyde. He likes the new casts, new photos.

Sent a catalogue to Mrs Clark, Sandwich, Mass.

Mr Jos. M. Wilson called.

President's condition considered dangerous

There is a great apprehension about the President's case. In spite of flattering reports of his doing well, it is thought that his high pulse, high temperature, & great debility betoken a serious condition.

The evening was as hot as mid-day.

V. 145 C. 7 \$1.75

#### Aug 15

Monday. Great change of temperature since Saturday. On that night we had a fine shower. Yesterday (Sunday) was pleasantly cool, & before ^the^ morning, the thermometer <u>fell</u> to 60°.! At 11 a.m. it is 77°. & very pleasant.

Dr Barbarin sent work he is too ill to appear to-day.

Postal from M. Moore, Danville Va. offering to sell old desk-top. <u>Declined</u>.

Great uneasiness again about the President's case.

Mr Schaffer repaired all the screen fixtures in bronze R. & office.

Mr Riggs is better. Mr Hyde says he has agreed to the proposed painting of the four Galleries, & that persons must not be admitted at 3 ½ p.m. per day. V. 66 \$16.50 C 3 75cts

## Aug 16.

Cloudy & cool. More alarm about the President's condition. His stomach is so irritable, that the doctors inject the food into him.

Dr. Barbarin returned to duty.

Mr Clark called & left Rykemann's bed, who will call and then see him. The idea of paneling the galleries with strips is abandoned.

There is a general feeling about that the President will die.

V. 209 C. 6 \$1.50

### Aug 17

Cool and somewhat cloudy.

Mr Clark & Mr Rykemann, & after surveying the galleries to be painted, he is to begin tomorrow his operations. The contract was drawn up, & the work is to be finished Octr.

1. To work on a side & corner gallery at same time – placing the pictures in the other corner Gallery, which is to be closed to the public during the work. The "Pastoral Visit," will be placed on out large easel in the west gallery near the door. Cassidy got another man to help him. All removed before 4 p.m.

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Barlow sent for & got 6 Cordays  $\uparrow $5.25 \downarrow - 3$  largest &  $\uparrow $1.80 \ 2.25 \downarrow 3$  medium,  $\$5.05 \ \uparrow 7.05. \downarrow$ 

The President reported somewhat better, but still in critical state.

V. 45 + 8 \$11.25 C 4 \$1.00

#### **Aug. 18**

Cloudy & cool.

The President better but not out of danger.

Mr Clark called, corrected the contract for painting the galleries. Will send Jack to move statuary.

Wrote to Mr Dielitz, Berlin acknowledging the casts & requesting him to forward the bill for the casts & packing.

Mr. Rykemann came & will begin the work tomorrow.

V. 265 C. 10 \$2.50

## Aug. 19

Another cool pleasant day. The President better.

Mr Clark's men with Mr Miller came so late that with Rykeman's men the marble statuary was removed from the S. E. gallery to the Octagon except the Youth & Butterfly & "Endymion" which were protected by boards.

Experimented with some tints in oils for a suitable color for the walls.

Letter from Miss Ferguson North-side Va. referring to her work on Wiertz – Will send it to me in December.

V. 44 \$11.00 C. 2 50cts

#### **Aug. 20**

Bright and warmer. The President still better.

Mr Rykemann & men on the scaffold.

Mr Clark called & liked one of my tints for the walls much.

2d. vol. of L'Art with bill received. Gave it to Mr Hyde.

Swelling of parotid glands, ↑mumps↓ has seized the President. V. 175 C. 11 \$2.75

## **Aug. 22**

Monday. Bright and pleasant. Have a bad attack of lumbago.

The President is much worse again. Yesterday two attacks of vomiting occurred. And the gland troubles him. He is somewhat better to-day, but there is a general impression that he will die.

Mr Clark came in. Rykemann has begun work on East Side gallery.

Dr Burnett called to look at illustrate works.

Had to leave 'early' to ease the pain in my back.

V. 38 + 7 \$9.50

#### Aug 23

Bright & warm. My back easier.

The President is considered somewhat better, but his pulse is still <u>100</u>, and though he is without pain & can take liquid nourishment, he is reported to be very weak, emaciated & at times delirious. He has lost 80 pounds.

Admiral Jenkins & friend called.

Work in the galleries progressing well.

V. 205 C. 6 \$1.50

#### Aug 24

Bright & very warm. The President is not better.

Death of G.W. Riggs Trustee.

Was startled to hear on coming to the gallery to hear that Mr Geo. W. Riggs, trustee of this Gallery died at 3 a. m today at his farm near Washington. It was supposed he was recovering, but he went off suddenly.

Meeting of the Board called

A meeting of the Board is called for tomorrow at noon. Only four of the trustees are in the city. Mr Corcoran has been telegraphed. Telegraphed the news & call of the Board to meet, to Mr Walters, who ansd. from N.Y. if not here to-morrow would attend the funeral.

Mr Clark called & after consolation with Mr Hyde ordered the building to be closed until after the funeral. Day not appointed. Sent notice of the closing of the Gallery to the "Star."

Card from J. Sabin's son, 64 Nassau St N.Y. saying they had a portrait Alexr Anderson, father of wood-engraving in America by Chas Wesley Jarvis, for sale.

#### **Aug 25**

Bright & warm. The President's strength is failing.

The Gallery is closed to-day.

The called meeting of the Board took place at noon. Messrs Hyde, Clark, & Kauffmann. The former handed in resolutions of sym condolence & respect over Mr Riggs' death, which were adopted.

Mr Walters' telegram was read. He did not appear.

Rec'd postal card from Earle & Sons, Phila. ordering 3 photos of the large figure of "Vestal Tuccia".

#### **Aug 26**

Bright & pleasant. President's recovery generally given up.

Mr Hyde sent up for & got a copy of the Resolutions of the Board.

Received a letter from Mrs Shedd stating that her publisher wished now the wis photo for her work. Sent to Rice for the Frederick II monumental photo, & received it.

Sent off the 3 large Vestals to Earle & Sons & wrote them. –also a catalogue to J. L. Billou, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Visit from Mr Walters

Mr Walters of Balt. He like the Endymion" photo, & said it was intended to put a bronze copy of it over Rinehart's grave. He disliked the "Pastoral Visit" & liked the 'new' color of the walls of the side & corner galleries. Does not think that statuary should be placed so near the Ghiberti Gate. He admired the "Hermes".

Mr Riggs' funeral.

The funeral of Mr Riggs took place at 4 o'clock & was largely attended. He was buried at Rock Creek Church.

#### **Aug 27**

Bright & Pleasant. No hope at all of the President's recovery. It is thought he will may die at any time.

Mr Cassidy, our fisherman is down with a severe attack of fever supposed to be malarial.

Wrote to Mrs Shedd & sent photo of Fredk Great's monument.

Wrote to J. Sabin's Son, N.Y. in reference to C.W. Jarvis portrait of "Alexr, Anderson, Father of Wood Engraving in America.

The President is announced as "gradually sinking."

## Aug 28 [date may be wrong; Aug 28 was a Sunday in 1881]

Bright and warm.

The President is considered much better to-day, & there is a strong feeling of hope for recovery yet. The change for the better occurred last night.

Mr Cassidy is reported.

V. 290 C. 17 \$4.25

#### Aug 28

Sunday. Bright & warm. Great hopes of the President's recovery.

## Aug 29

Bright & pleasant.

The President is about the same, but his mind is clear.

Cassidy's physician reports him recovering.

V. 47 + 5 \$11.75 C. 2 50cts

#### Aug 30

Bright & hot – very. President same as yesterday.

Mr Clark called to-day, will leave for the north this afternoon and return about 9th. Sept.

Cassidy (fireman) came in looking weak. He was advised to return home and rest.

The last coat on the gallery walls, satisfactory. Mr Rykeman wishes the other two galleries stripped of pictures, as he will begin there tomorrow.

V. 340 C. 12 \$3.00 P. 75cts

#### **Aug 31**

Bright & hot – cloudy & sultry in afternoon. The President has a good day. Pulse down to 95. Pictures of West & S. West galleries moved to the Hall.

V. 40 + 6 C. 2 50 cts.

## Sept. 1.

Bright & hot – This drouth is terrible. No rain for a month.

The President the same – has gained no strength.

Mr Rykeman is putting up scaffold in West & s. west corner galleries.

Letter from A. Schumacher & Co. Balt. enclosing bill for \$6.09 for freight upon plaster figure of Cupid brought by the "Hermann" June 23/81, which box was marked <u>prepaid</u>, but they found it was a mistake. Looked over the London charges for that cast, forwarded & receipted by Matthews Robson Balt. July 7, & found in it the item of £ 1.7.6 for freight on said cast.

V. 325 C. 11 \$2.75 P. \$1.25

#### Sept 2

Cloudy early & a few drops rain fell, but it soon cleared off & the day is bright and hot.

The President's condition unchanged. There is an increasing fear again, that as he gains no strength, that his recovery is very doubtful. They talk of removing him by easy eh stages to mentor. Two months to-day since he was shot.

Wrote to Schumacher & Co. Balt. and notified them that, we have the receipted bill of London charges on the cast per "Hermann", in which the freight is paid.

V. 57 + 2 \$14.25

## Sept. 3

Cloudy early – bright & very hot afterwards.

The President's condition the same. 10 weeks to-day since he was shot.

Col. Clark called.

V. 275 C. 15 \$3.75

#### Sept. 4

Sabbath. And still hot.

The President had another attack of vomiting last night and is not so well to-day. Preparations making to take him to Long Branch.

## Sept. 5

Monday. Strong symptoms of rain last night & this morning, but it is as clear & hot as ever.

The President very weak, & his pulse higher and also his temperature. It is considered that his only chance for life is to leave the city.

Mr Taylor brought the frame for "Trial Plate." A piece of plaster broke off, and have to wait for Barbarin to mend it.

Took President portraits in the E. Gallery, but the cleaning of wood-work is not good enough.

#### Sept. 6

Bright & very hot.

Left the gallery at 9.a.m. for a few days trip to the Shenandoah Valley & the <u>Cave</u> of <u>Luray</u>, and soon found the difference between town & country-air.

The President left the city for Long Branch. Somewhat exhausted after his arrival there.

These records until Sept. 12th are by the Asst. Curator. V. 208 C. 9 \$2.25 P. 50cts

## Sept. 7

Clear and very hot.

President represented as doing well.

Rykeman did not come, and only one man at work.

V. 43 \$10.75 C. 3 75cts

#### Sept. 8

Cloudy & hot.

Letter from J. T. Wightman offering to sell two pictures. Acknowledged by Asst. Curator.

Rice sent up a lot of new photographs.

Mr Hyde authorized the cellar to be cleaned. 10 nos. of Suggestions for Designs received. V. 180 C. 11 \$2.75

### Sept. 9.

Cloudy and hot.

"Pastoral Visit" hung in the E. side Gallery.

Another lot of photos from Rice.

Letter from Schumacher & Co. Balt. about the freight-bill, coolly requesting the amt to be paid & the matter to be settled by this Gallery & Wheatley & Co. London.

V. 52 \$13.00 C. 4 \$1.00

## **Sept. 10**

Cloudy & cool after yesterday's storms of rain.

Leak in the ceiling of S.E. gallery. Sent for Flaherty who will attend to it.

Mr Matthews authorized repair of fence between the Gallery & Admiral Lee's house, & gutter south of building.

My return to the Gallery

I returned to my desk at noon.

President is worse, & Giteau shot by a U.S. Sergeant guarding him.

### Miss Williams

Letter from Miss Williams consenting to take \$1000, for <u>both</u> Roman views. V. 53 C. 250 P. 75

#### **Sept. 13**

Bright & pleasant.

President reported better.

Commenced hanging pictures in E. Gallery. Got Mr Taylor to do the work.

V. 285 C. 13 \$3.25 P. 75cts

## **Sept. 14**

Bright & cool.

President considered better, sat up 'in' reclining chair.

Finished hanging pictures in E. Gallery, and find the color to be satisfactory, & highly improving to pictures.

F. Cassidy engaged in cleaning floors.

Miss Lombard to copy paintings.

V. 79 + 3 \$19.73 C. 8 \$2.00 P. 70

### Sept. 15

Cloudy with a cool east wind, betokening rain.

President reported not so well last night.

Mr Clark called & reported paintings on the wall of the S.W. Gallery, behind the statuary. A bad rule, and we have none fit to place there. Perhaps the "Nativity" & "Magdalen" belonging to Capt. Crowinshield would be as good as any. Mr C. admires the effect of the wall color.

Sent free a catalogue to Mr F.W.W. Hudson Fredericksburg.

Catalogue of the Salon

Mr Clark presented the illustrated catalogue of the <u>Salon</u> for 1881, and advises the purchase of the two previous volumes for /79 & /80 which I will secure when he brings the address of the dealer.

Col. Clark was allowed by Mr Hyde to consult our records.

V. 245 C. 14 \$3.50 P. \$3.00

#### Sept. 16

Bright, breezy and cool, with occasional showers, after yesterday's wind & rain.

The President is now acknowledged to have <u>pyaemia</u>.

Ezekiel's letter about 2 statues

Letter from M. Ezekiel Rome, asking "if it is preferable to send the Titian & Leonardo statues at once, or send them with the Rubens & Rembrandt, that are now being blocked out." He wishes to know what is thought of the photos. of Titian & Leonardo. Mr Corcoran says Mr Ezekiel must forward the two at once.

Mr Rykeman put a richer tint on the west gallery which is satisfactory.

Meeting of the Board called for Monday at noon.

Saw Mr Corcoran at his office, just from the Springs. He says his health is good, but I have seen him look better.

This afternoon the President is reported very low - as dying.

V. 28 \$7.00 C. 4 \$1.00

## **Sept. 17**

Cloudy and very sultry. Threatening more rain.

President reported better this morning, but at 2 p.m, word comes that he has had a pyaemic chill, & he is much worse.

Rykeman has finished painting the w W. side^ & corner galleries except the walnut graining, & the scaffolding is taken down.

Cassidy still cleaning floors.

Mr Corcoran & grandson William, came in at 2 p.m. & went up to look at the galleries. At first he thought the color too dull, until he saw the E. & corner galleries hung with pictures, and then he admired the effect.

Col. Clark, Educational Bureau, continued his examination of our records.

Dr Barbarin left at 1 p.m.

Mr Hedgman is ill with chills. His brother is here.

V. 298 C. 13 \$3.25 P. \$1.75

#### **Sept. 19**

Monday. Bright & pleasant.

The President is believed to be drawing near his end, having had chills on Saturday evening, last evening & to-day. The surgeon in charge think the case hopeless.

Rykeman finished the W. & S.W. galleries, with graining the wainscot, & his bill for \$600. approved & paid.

Meeting of Trustees at noon Messrs Hyde, Matthews, Clarke, Welling. Mr Corcoran was present. The business to be brought before them was of a financial character, but there being no quorum, the meeting adjourned.

Dr Welling admired the new casts, and does not think it necessary to change position of statues near the Gate.

Mr Hedgman still unwell, & his brother attended to-day.

V. 41 + 4 \$10.25 C. 7 \$1.75 P. \$2.75

#### Sept. 20

Cloudy & damp.

Death of Prest. Garfield

At 10.35 last night President Garfield expired suddenly. The announcement by newsboys at 11 p.m. roused up every body, & the tolling of bells at midnight had a solemn effect. Vice President was sworn in as President, last night in New York.

My Hyde gave orders to close the gallery until after the President's funeral, which it is said will take place in Friday evening. His body will be brought here on Wednesday & will be in state in the Rotunda of the Capitol, until it is leaves for Cleveland in Friday, where it will be buried.

Messrs Williams & Taylor are now engaged in draping the front of the Gallery – a tedious job.

Wrote to A. Schumacker &Co. Balt. returning bill.

Wrote to Mr Ezekiel, requesting the finished statues to be sent on here.

Mr Corcoran called & examined the new casts, & was much pleased with them.

Mr Clark called & liked the draping of our Gallery.

#### Sept. 21

Warm and sultry.

The public is much excited over the arrival of the President's remains – which arrived at here from Long Branch at 4½ p.m. A great crowd, and the procession was a most impressive as it wended towards the Capitol where the body is to be in state in the Rotunda. The face is said he weighed at death only 80 lbs. In health his weight was over 200!

Busy completing arranging mourning drapery on the front of the building; and afterwards in hanging pictures in west gallery.

Letter from Miss Ferguson requesting catalogue.

#### Sept. 22

Bright & very sultry. The city is full of strangers & all are rushing to the Capitol <u>to see</u> the remains.

Resumed hanging of pictures, but being short-handed the work is slow.

Sent catalogue to Miss Ferguson.

#### **Sept. 23**

Bright and very hot.

Tried to see Mr Clark at the Capitol but failed.

Continued the hanging of pictures.

Went away at 1 p. m. & saw the funeral procession. Never was there so great a crowd. The procession itself was grand & solemn, but the rush of the crowd (half Negroes) from the Capitol, destroyed all solemnity among the spectators except at the depot.

#### Sept. 24

Bright and very hot.

Finished hanging pictures at 4 p. m. Thomas (fireman very sick & Dr Barbarin sent word he was unwell.

All the statuary were cleaned.

## **Sept. 26**

Monday, very quiet, as this is a day appointed as a fast & humiliation – all employees away.

Mr Collin (French modeler in plaster) came and finished the rough work on the legs & feet of Clytie, spoiled by the Italian ----.

Mr Clark brought up a letter to Mr Corcoran from Miss K. E. Atkinson, Union Springs Ala. calling his attention to a poodle-dog (life-size) made by her of cotton & feathers for the Exposition at Atlanta – She offers it as a present to the <u>Art Department</u> of this Gallery. Mr Hyde acknowledged it.

The thermometer in this room stands at <u>84</u>° at 3 p. m. which means 94° in ordinary rooms.

Painted over my gallery picture of the view of the Great Falls, and improved it.

Mr Hyde says Mr Corcoran is not well; been housed 3 days.

#### **Sept. 27**

Bright & still very hot.

Gallery re-opened to the public.

D. Barbarin on duty – also Thomas Cassidy fireman.

Had the remaining small pictures hung.

Mr Hyde called & authorizes engagement of some one to prepare the floors of the galleries.

V. 227 C. 10 \$2.50 P \$3.25

## **Sept. 28**

Still hot as ever.

Mr Taylor (son of late Prest. Tyler, called to ask privilege of having photograph copies taken from Healy's portrait of his father, now in the Main Gallery. He will make formal application to the Board of Trustees, & see Mr Smilie.

Saw Mr Corcoran, & read Miss Ferguson's letter to him.

Gallery opened first time after the death of the President.

F. Cassidy laying brick in gutter back of the Gallery.

Mr Taylor repaired cords of windows.

## **Sept. 28 [date?]**

Hot, & cloudy.

Left for a week's recreation in Va. being worn down with the heat, & closeness of the galleries.

Sullivan sent for to paint Clytie.

Mr Pratt written to to remove pen & ink sketch by Mrs Greatorex.

Mr Rakeman offers to dress floors of galleries as follows: for larger one \$18 – for smaller ones \$15 – for all \$66.

V. 49 \$12.25 C. 3 75cts. P. \$2.25cts

#### **Sept. 29**

Clear & hot.

Dr L. Tyler sent his application to have the portrait of his father <del>copied</del> by Healy photographed –Granted.

Building Committee authorize Mr Rakeman to dress the gallery floors at 2cts pr sq. foot, in all amounting to \$164.50

Col. Clarke called.

Dr Jouy brought a lot of photos.

V. 300 C. \$3.32 P. \$1.25

#### Sept 30

Bright & hot.

Rakeman's two men at work on floors – all stained before night.

Side galleries closed all day, & Main G. also at 2.30p. m.

Mr Hyde came in.

V 32 \$8.00 C. 2 50cts P. 75cts

#### Oct 1.

Bright & hot.

Second coat on Main & East galleries.

All the picture galleries closed to the public.

Mr Rakeman will bronze all the barriers round statuary.

V. 230 C. 4 \$1.00

#### Oct 3

Monday. Bright & hot.

Mr Rykeman put 2d coat on smaller galleries & 3d. on Main.

All the woodwork up stairs to be varnished.

Miss Brown left a crayon head of Humboldt. Wishes to copy.

A Mrs McArdle wishes some unframed pictures by M & Miss Sanders to be exhibited in the Gallery, <u>without</u> inspection. She left a note for Mr Corcoran who came & said they could be shewn in this room.

Dr Paxton (just returned from Europe) called with a <u>West</u> medal which he proposes to present to the Gallery.

V. 52 C. 1 25cts

### Oct 4

Cloudy & Warm.

Mr Barlow sent for "Progress of Christianity" –for Mr Wagerman.

Mr Rakeman about finishing floors & barriers.

A box from Mr Corcoran's holding a table & 2 tablets – made by - ---- P.O. Box 110 Warrenton Va. with a letter to Mr Hyde which Mr C. took away, & ordered that the articles be shown to no one.

Appleton's agent left 5 vols of new series of Cyclopedia, to be shewn at the next meeting of the Board.

V. 225 C. 3 75cts

### Oct. 5

Clear & cold. Ther. at 10 a. m. 57°. Yesterday same hour 87°.

Mr Andrews artist called.

Mr Smilie came & took photo of Tyler's portrait.

Cleaning out flues of chimneys.

V. 33 C. 1 25cts

#### Oct. 6

Bright & cool. Overcoats in demand last night & to-day.

### The first fire

Fire made in the furnace.

Mr Saunders brought the pictures by him & daughter. Lord Byron & maid of Athens" & "Penelope watching for Ulysses"- both wretched affairs.

Mr Rakeman will put another coat on the floors.

Returned to the city to-night.

V. 335 C. 2 50cts. P. \$1.50

### Oct. 7

Clear & cool, then bright and warm. Appeared at the gallery.

Rakeman put another coat on the floors.

Sullivan has put two coats on Clytie.

Upper galleries closed to public since Saturday morning. They will be opened on Monday.

Paintings by Saunders & daughter recommended by Mrs McArdle, brought here. Regular trash. He says he painted 8 years in Europe.

Mr Hedgman brushed down the walls of Sculpture Gallery.

Engaged in stating my Contingent a/c.

V. 44 C. 1 25cts

#### Oct. 8

Mild & hazy.

Mr Corcoran called, & expressed a wish to decline the exhibition in the Gallery of the Saunders pictures, & also to send money away Ball's plaques.

Letter from J.2.A. Ward sculptor N.Y. wishes to know where he can find an engraving or photo of Schaeffer's "Lafayette." <u>Ansd.</u>

The mourning drapery taken down from the front of the Gallery.

Mr Saunders took away his pictures & was indignant!

A.G. Heaton New Haven writes about sending his "Bathing Hour at Trouville" here on exhibition. Replied with "Regulations".

Dr Jouy left a lot of photographs.

Gallery floors finished.

V. 275 C. 2 50cts

#### Oct. 9

Sunday.

### Oct. 10

Monday. Bright & cool.

Mr Rakeman called. Picture Galleries ready for use. He left directions to keep them clean.

Pedestals for statuary brought in & statues put on them.

Meeting of the Board.

Letters offering pictures were read from J. T. Wightman, V. de la Villectruis, Sabins Sons, & Mary E. Williams, & referred to Art Committee.

Leave granted Prof Weir & Mr A.G. Heaton to exhibit their pictures here.

Miss Atkinson's present of a poodle dog of cotton, was declined.

Mr T.S. Donoho's two little pictures & photo accepted. Curator notified him.

Building Committee reported painting of 4 galleries & dressing of floors.

Action taken on transferring certain lot to certain parties.

Amendment adopted to Copyists' rules – as suggested by the Curator, for them to have mats on the floor, & referred to Art Committee.

Proposition to have additional employees, laid on the table.

Mr Andrews, artist, called.

Note from Horace Bonham to know if Gallery will be open on 10th.

V. 68 + 1 \$17.00 C. 5 \$1.25 P. 75cts

## Oct. 11

Cool & bright, afterwards warm.

Letter from Mr Weir about his pictures & 3 descriptive pamphlets.

With Mr Kauffman selected <u>felt</u> materials for copyists' mats.

Mr Rice came & took away photos to improve them. Some accepted.

Col. Casey called & said he had an important letter to show me.

Mr Pratt will soon call & remove pen & ink sketches.

Mr W. G. Audsley left a book on Architecture commended by Dr Welling & Mr Clark.

Mr Simmons sculptor called.

V. 280 C. 14 \$3.50 P. \$2.25

#### Oct. 12

Cloudy & cool.

Postal from J. Sartain Phila. about the engraved portrait of Lafayette after Schaeffer, which he says was executed in Paris 50 yrs ago. Acknowledged with thanks.

Postal from Miss Williams (artist) giving her brother's address. Ack'd.

Mr Rice sent for rejected photos & got them.

Sent a letter to Trustees to sign to authorize a majority to sign Mr Hyde to give me \$100. for Contingent a/c.

Saw Col. Casey. He had a letter from Profr Weir word for word like the one I received. Wrote to Weir.

Ans'd note from, A.D. Beecher, Chicago about his offered portrait of W. Shippen by Gilbert Stuart.

V. 140 + 9 \$35.00 C 11 \$2.75 P. 75cts

## Oct. 13

Bright & cool.

The city is all alive to see the procession in honor of the reception of the French & German guests of the nation, invited to witness the celebration of the <u>100</u>th anniversary of the capture of Yorktown Va. & Surrender of Lord Cornwallis. The procession came from the Washington circle, & passed up 17th. st. near this Gallery, & then to the Arlington Hotel, where the <u>visitors</u> were taken up & escorted to the Capitol, to be formally received by the Senate, President Arthur & other officials. Mr Woodward Danville Va. inquired for photos. of Corday. Answered. Note from T.S. Donoho, about his pictures being placed in Gallery.

Went to the Capitol to inquire 'about' the engraving of Scheffer's "Lafayette" (now in the Hall of Reps.) for Mr Ward. I met there Mr Horatio King, who told me a steel line engraving of the portrait executed in France, was in the possession of Hon. R. C. Winthrop, Brookline Mass. to whom it was presented by Lafayette himself. Mr King will show to me a pamphlet containing remarks by Mr Winthrop stating the above fact, & also that there is a portrait of John Hampden in the President's House.

Left my letter to the Trustees for Contingent Fund, signed by Dr Welling & Mr Kauffman with Mr Clark & a note requesting him to sign to return it to the Gallery.

Mr. King brought me Mr Winthrop's pamphlet on the John Hampden portrait, & engraving of Scheffer's "Lafayette".

V. 650 C. 30 \$7.50 P. \$7.25

#### Oct. 14

Bright & hot.

Letter from Profr Weir. Wants his picture thinly varnished, & duplicate of his last letter returned. Col. Casey sent it back. Answered, & referred to his claim to retain copy-right. His price is \$3500.

Communication from Col. Casey to the Board, expressing thanks for use of ^our^ alley for derrick of War Dept. building.

Ordered 50 small Cordays ^12 x 16^ from Rice.

Wrote to Mr Ward sculptor about the "Lafayette" portrait, & enclosed a pen & ink sketch by myself of its attitude & dress.

Donoho called got an acknowledgment of thanks for his pictures, but I told him I had no authority to place them in the Gallery unframed.

Mr Taylor rec'd order to make maroon niches for the statues of "F. Mercury" & "David & Goliah".

Mr Collin called & examined the above statues & Hermes which he is to join together.

V. 185 + 15 \$46.25 C. 14 \$3.50 P. \$1.00

#### Oct. 15

Bright & calm.

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\$100. for Cont. Fund.

Rec'd Contingent Fund of \$100 from Mr Hyde, Messrs Clark and Matthews ^& Hyde^ having signed my call – a majority of 5 Trustees.

Hon Proctor Knott Ky, called. He is a friend to <u>Brenner</u>, western artist, who, he says, had been attaining greater success since he sold his "June Afternoon" to this Gallery.

Sent for Newton to letter pedestals. Will come on Monday.

Two letters & postal from Mr Weir. Prefers <u>mastic</u> varnish on his picture – Thinks size of it framed 72 x 96 inches.

Mr Hydes says the Board is accepting Donoho's picture did not intend to place them in the Gallery, but keep them in Trustees' ^Room^.

M. Felix de Regamey, delegate of the ministry of Fine Arts Paris now here with the French guests for Yorktown, called to see our cast of <u>Hermes</u>, & collect further information about this Gallery. He admired it very much and asked if th his visiting friends could be admitted here on Sunday. I told him it was against all rules, but would let him know.

He presented me with a copy of his printed volume of notes on Instruction in Design in the United States, and I presented to him a copy of our catalogue, with a copy of the Report of the Public Schools, containing my address upon the objects & progress of the Corcoran Gallery.

I left word at his hotel that he & friends could visit the galleries to-morrow (Mr Corcoran having consented) if they name the hour to <u>Janitor</u>.

V. 600 C. 26 \$6.50 P. \$5.65

#### Oct. 16

<u>Sunday</u>. Called to see Mr Regamey, but failed to see him. Left word with Mr Darrell to admit the French visitors, and if they came to notify Mr Corcoran. <u>They did not come</u>. This was one of the hottest days of the season. Ther. 88.°6!

#### Oct 17

Monday. Bright and hot – Extraordinary season. Therr. at noon in this cool room 78°.

Notice & blank receipt from W. S. Pratt Asst. Director of Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts N.Y. enclosing a blank receipt, & stating that Profr Weir's "Forging the Shaft" had been shipped on the 15th. for this Gallery.

Mrs Mann called & had her bill for the 7 vols. Appendix to Appleton's Cyclopedia.

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A gilt 'spread' eagle found in the wash-room shelf. Probably belonged to the frame of "Yankee Doodle" by Willard & not attached to it when exhibited here.

Letter from Mr Koehler Boston, stating that no 24 of Art Review will close that publication, & advising me that he had mailed ^on 18th^ some more proofs of etchings as a present to the Corcoran Gallery.

Notice from M Regamy stating that the French visitors on their return from Yorktown, would stop some days here, & then visit the Gallery.

Mr Rice sent up 26. 12 x 16 Cordays, rather dark.

Mr Fisher artist called & introduced a German artist & wife named who wish to exhibit here a German landscape by him.

V. 145 + 17 \$36.25 C 7 \$1.75 P. 50cts

#### **Oct 18**

Bright & hot, extraordinary drouth.

Arrival of Weir's "Forging the Shaft."

Mr Weir's picture "Forging the Shaft" came yesterday after the Gallery closed. Opened the box this morning, & placed the picture in this office. It needing thin coat of varnish engaged M Barlow to do it.

Mr Clark called. He says Board did not intend to hang Donoho's pictures in the Gallery. Acknowledgement of 4.00 from Tice & Lynch N.Y.

Mr Colleu called & saying he could not work at the casts after 4 p.m. asked if he could do it on Sunday. Mr Clark assenting, he will come next Sunday morning.

Gift of Etchings

Mr Koehler's present of etchings to Gallery rec'd & acknowledged.

Mr Horatio King called with a print photo. of Mrs Conaut's "Forgotten Toast," which he asks \$1,000 for.

Letter from Mr Well enclosing from Mr Pratt Metropn Museum of Art N.Y. Answered it, stating his picture's arrival, & sent bills for varnishing \$3.00 & for extra labor in bringing box in Gallery. Sent postal receipt to Pratt.

Wrote to Mr Koehler acknowledging gift of etchings.

V. 482 C. 45 \$11.25 P. \$8.25

### Oct. 19

Cool north wind – a change at last 6 in. of snow in Quebec!

Accepted 17 large & 13 small "Pastoral Visits" from Rice & ordered 50 more of 12 x 16 Cordays. 25 copies of Forced Prayer from Jouy.

Touched with black paint the unsightly spots on the Japanese pedestals if the Vases in Vestibule, caused by dropping off 'of' the thin veneering of them.

Measured pictures in E. Side Gallery, with a view to hang Wier's picture there.

Wrote to Miss Clark about the applications of Sales of pictures referred to the Art Committee at the Board's recent meeting, & asked if necessary to send them to Mr Walters.

Mr Donoho on hearing his pictures were not to be exhibited in the Gallery, said he would withdraw them.

Mrs Reading called & left a specimen of her daughter copy of a landscape after J. Poe.

V. 93 + 5 \$23.25 C. 11 \$2.75

## **Oct 20**

Bright & pleasantly cool.

Messrs Hyde & Kauffman called. The former does not like Weir's picture. The latter thinks it is well executed except in the color of reflected which is too light – not ruddy enough.

Rice sent up 46 photos of G. Slave"  $12 \times 16$ , & at his request selected the best of these & of the previous lot – accepting from both  $\underline{53}$  copies three above the order.

Mr Clark called & suggested me to send to Mr Walters as Chairman of Art Committee all the recent applications to sell pictures to the Gallery, and if he did not deem it right to call the Committee together, to state his views on each picture. Wrote to Mr

V. 520 C. 26 \$6.50 P. \$2.25

#### Oct. 21

Bright & cool – very pleasant.

Card from R. T. Woodward Danville Va. requesting prices of unmounted photos per doz. Answered it.

Sent up applications to sell pictures to Mr Walters at Mr Clark's request, & wrote him.

Letter from J. D. Weir artist enclosing check for \$3.40 for bill, of Mrs. Barlow & Darrell. Answered.

No "Post" yesterday or today – Wrote to Editor.

Col. Casey called & liked the "Forging the Shaft".

Mr Taylor brought & set up the niches for statuary.

Mooney finished his "Corday," & submitted ^it^ for examination.

V. 123 + 10 \$30.75 C. 13 \$3.20 P \$1.50

### Oct. 22

Bright & pleasantly cool.

Mr Horatio King left a card from Miss T. J. Conaut giving discussions of her "Forgotten Toast". Canvas  $45 \times 35$  – frame 57 + 47. Price \$1,000.

Note from Quincy Ward sculptor, thanking me for my sketch of Lafayette as all he wanted.

V. 670 C. 46 \$11.50 P. \$10.50

#### Oct. 24

Cloudy – a little rain.

Mr Metzerott written to to remove his picture.

Catalogue of Fales' collection N.Y. to be sold by Kirby – received.

Miss Johnston requested her address to be given to her photographer.

Weir's picture hung in the East Gallery.

50 Cordays received from Rice & accepted – 24 declined.

V. 99 + 8 \$24.75 C 13 \$3.25 P. \$1.50

I left for a visit to New York this evening. The flowing minutes are given by the Asst. Curator.

### Oct. 25

Clear at mid-day.

Mr Rice sent for & got the 24 declined Cordays.

Mr Taylor placed cast of Ghiberti's "Trial Plate", in its frame.

Mr Metzerott took away his landscape.

Miss Shankland applied to copy pictures & left specimen.

V. 520 C. 28 \$7.00 P. \$1.50

### Oct. 26

Cloudy & cool – clear in the afternoon.

Mr Mooney applied to copy child and nurse a part of it.

V. 85 + 7 \$21.20 C 24 \$6.00 P. 70cts

#### Oct. 27

Clear & cooler.

Mr Fleischman called. Mr Albert Borries' landscape – a "North German Forest" will be here soon. Address 728 F. St.

Mr J. C. McGuire called.

Newton painted label on pedestal of Cupid.

My old friend Dr Blake died last night – 80 years old. Osgood & Co's photographer will soon come to take Cerrachi's "Washington". V. 500 C. 28 \$7.00 P. \$5.25

#### Oct. 28

Cloudy and cool.

Mr Borries sent his large landscape which is placed in this office. (By the Curator. This picture is of the Dusselldorff school & abounds in merits & defects. Good drawing, good effect of light, & good transparent color in most of the trees; but it has the marked conventional treatment of that school throughout, & looks labored & overworked – lacking breath of nature.

Agent of "Suggestions of Designs" left a bound copy of a volume - \$6.00.

F. B. McGuire called.

V. 98 + 6 \$24.50 C. 19 \$4.75 P. \$4.25

### Oct 29

Cloudy & mild with rain.

Letter from S. Keyser Balt. applying to know if his brothers' marble statue of "Psyche" could be exhibited here for sale. Letter & photo of the statue to Mr Walters for his opinion.

Note from Hooe Bros. to the Curator with a roll of Linoleum sent up by request of Mr Clark.

V. 360 C. 34 \$8.50 P. \$5.00

#### Oct. 31

Monday. Cloudy & mild & heavy showers.

Two pamphlets by mail. Notes on Hildeshiem Treasures.

Letter from Mr Bocock offering a portrait of Hogarth for sale. Ansd. by Mr Hyde & referred to the Board.

Two leaks in the gallery. One in main & the other S. East.

Mr Andrews called.

Mr Flaherty came & did all he could to stop the leaks, until it is clear.

V. 98 + 8 \$24.50 C. 10 \$2.50 P 50cts

#### Nov. 1st

Back at my desk at 1 p. m. having returned from N.York Phila. last night, after a pleasant sojourn among arts & artists. I saw very choice examples of foreign art at Goupil's & Schaus'. At the former the "Captive Spy" by De Neuville – far finer than any thing by Detaille though not so finished. A large picture by Renoufe a new French artist, at Schaus is the greatest work I met representing an old boatman & grand-daughter pulling out to sea, \$15,000, & a very fine Diaz at Kohn's While away I met Mr J.2.A. Ward, the eminent sculptor, who introduced me to the "Century Club," where I met several noted artists.

Mr Kauffman & Miss Thompson were here when I entered. The photographer was on hand, & I gave him permission to photograph Ceracchi's "Washington", and (if Mr Peale was willing) his Washington, but would not oil it. Miss T. also wished to take Polk's Washington, but I told her permission must be got from the owner, E.L. Bruce of Winchester.

We supposed the roll of Linoleum from Hooe's was for copyists' mats, & decided it was unsuitable.

Mr Corcoran came in looking very well. He asked me about what I had seen north in pictures, and I described the De Neuville (which is sold to a Bostonian) & the Renoufe & mentioned the prices. He was interested in the former & would have liked it for \$5,000. it was sold for \$12,000.

I found here a package of mss. & a long letter from Misses Ferguson of Va. which I could not look over today.

Dr Barbarin left at 3 p.m on a 15 days leave-.

V. 430 C. 25 \$6.25 P. 75cts

### Nov. 2

Cloudy & cooler.

Postal from Miss Goldsmith, Charlottesville Va. to know price of best photos of Corday.

Mr Rice sent up a lot of photos & note.

Mr Clark called & explained that the <u>Linoleum</u> was sent here as a sample for the floor around the gallery near the barrier, & not for copyists' mats. Went with him to Hooe's to see if we could get the article of a darker color. They can get it of a maroon tint.

While there saw a sample of carpeting which will suit admirably for copyists' mats, and I am to inform Mr Kauffman of it. Of a proper size 6 ft by 4 ½ bound will cost \$4.25.

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Miss Shankland rec'd card for copying. Selected "Figure of the Vestal".

Mrs Colegrove will copy "Preparing for Church" instead of the "Cascade".

Wrote to Miss Ferguson, acknowledging her package.

V. 100 + 5 \$25.00 C 11 \$2.75 P. \$3.00

#### Novr. 3.

Raw and Cloudy.

Wrote to Mr Keyser Balt. granting permission to exhibit in this Gallery his brothers' statue of "Psyche".

Engaged nearly all day in bringing up this journal.

Mr F. B. McGuire called.

Genl. Hagner & lady friends came in & examined Borries' landscape.

Sent a note to Mr Kauffmann about the <u>Linoleum</u> & the <u>carpet</u> for copyists mats at Hooe's & requesting him to go there with me, or meet me there at any hour tomorrow.

V. 305 C 22 \$5.50 P. 50cts

#### Nov. 4

Cool, bright bracing day – with northwest wind.

Mr Williams' bill amended \$127.25 Sent to Mr Hyde.

Mr Taylor at noon engaged to remove Head of "Juno" ^to^ behind & over "Napoleon" & raised it successfully at 4 p. m.

Mr Mooney makes study from the Satyrs'.

Mr Horatio King called & stated that President Welling said that Miss Conaut's "Forgotten Toast" might be sent here at <u>our</u> expense. I gave him a copy of the Rules for her to sign.

Mr Kauffmann called & went with me to Hooe's to see the material for copyists' mats, but did not fancy what Mr Clark ^liked.^ Asd Hooe will send up samples of felt & carpet, also of Linoleum.

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Mr King wished me to show to Mr K. the pot photo of Miss Conaut's picture but it could not be found.

Balt & Pot Rl Rd sent a box directed to A McLeod, marked glass. \$1.60 charges. Knowing nothing of it, would not receive it.

V. 70 \$197.50 C. 6 \$1.50 P. \$4.25

### Nov. 5

Bright & pleasant – cloudy & windy in afternoon.

Two postal cards from Earle & Sons Phila. ordering 3 large Corday photos. & one (each) of the "Parthenon" & "Pastoral Visit" also large. Sent them by express & wrote to Earle & Sons, that I had added to them for their approval large copies of Rinehart's "Endymion" & "The Sacred Bull", ^& "Parthenon".^ Enclosed the Bill \$6.00 for those ordered.

Gave to Mr Matthews copies of the "Parthenon", "Sacred Bull", "Pastoral Visit" "Endymion" – all large.

Mr Corcoran & Mr J. C. McGuire. The former looking badly & the latter well. Shewed to him the wood engraving of <u>Renoufe's</u> great picture which I saw in New York. He expressed ^to Mr McG.^ curiosity to know if Admiral Lee had <u>relented</u> in his obstinacy about the lot in rear of the Gallery.

Mr E. Law Rogers came in.

Miss Stewart called & got a copyists' card of admission. She is from Alexandria & teaches painting.

Sorted Rice's photographs & accepted Endymion (large) 8 copies ^small 8,^ -- Sacred Bull 6. large & 6 small. Parthenon large 8 copies - "Pastoral Visit (large) 9. Small 8 Fredk. Great 7. small. Rejecting 1. s. Endymion, 3 S. Bull 1 Pastoral Visit & 2 Fred Great 2. all small, & 3 large S. Bull. Wrote to him. V. 475 C. 17 \$4.25 P \$4.00

# Novr. 6

Sunday. 8th Anniversary of my Curatorship.

<u>Five deaths</u> have occurred in the list of members of the Board of Trustees, since I entered upon my duties here, and I thank Heaven, that I still enjoy activity & strength enough to discharge them.

The day is beautiful & mild.

### Novr. 7th

Monday. Cloudy raw and rainy.

Nothing of importance done this day.

Engaged in examining Miss Tunstall's mss.

V. 34 \$8.50 C. 2 50cts.

#### Novr. 8

Mild but cloudy with some rain.

Postal card from Earle & son, accepting the "Pastoral Visit," & returning "Sacred Bull," Parthenon & "Endymion". Wrote to him.

Miss Winona Blanchard got copyist's card to copy casts.

Saw Mr Corcoran. He looks badly & remains housed. He complains of the trouble upon him by business – applications to buy pictures & some family troubles. I informed him of Miss Ferguson's request to consult him about her mss, but he is too unwell to give it any attention, & wishes me to write to Miss Tunstall & learn something more about her. Will do so.

### Nov. 9.

Mild, and rainy – no fire required.

Letter to Janitor from J. C. Robinson 1733 Wallace St. Phila, with order for 4 single figure "Vestals" 12 x 16 & 1 entire subject do, 12 x 16, & a check for \$4.00 including payment in advance 25cts. sent them & wrote.

Mr Andrews and Mr Forsberg called.

Miss Jones (Mr Corcoran's niece) called & was delighted with the improvements in the Gallery & the new casts.

Mr Corcoran came in & I read to him the letter to me from Miss Ferguson, Va. He again expressed his wish to further the lady's wishes, but also his inability from infirm health to judge of her work & decide upon its title. He however decided to bring the matter to the notice of Dr Welling, & for that purpose carried off Miss F's letter. though I carefully reminded him that the lady wished the matter to be a secret between only Miss Tunstall, myself, Mr Corcoran, & her mother.

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V. 49 \$12.25 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$2.75

#### Nov. 10

Thursday. Bright, breezy & bracing air.

Postal from Earle & Son's acknowledging merit of "Endymion".

Bouton's bill for vol. 3 of "L'Art" \$9.00 Sent to Mr Hyde.

Adams' Express brought "L'Art," paid 40cts. freight.

Borries' Landscape

Placed Borries' landscape in place of Wier's picture, which I transferred to S. W. Gallery where it looks much better, the soft light there benefiting it, Borries' picture looks well, & the surrounding ones appear better from the change. Paid 40cts extra for hanging it.

Mr Corcoran called with a lady. He is better.

Mrs Thompson called again & <u>argued</u> in favor of buying her copy of a portrait of Josephine by Prudomme. She thinks many of them in the Main Gallery are copies but I undeceived her.

V. 400 C. 17 \$4.25 P. \$4.50

#### Nov. 11

Cold, cloudy & symptoms of snow.

Postal from Hooe Bros stating he can get the plain dark brown linoleum.

Saw Mrs. Thompson's portrait of "Josephine" at McElroy's and think it a poor work. Mr Hyde thinks it might be shewn in this room.

F.B. McGuire called. Is recovering an old picture of his father.

Mr Brice came & copied amt of city taxes this year from our receipt book.

Rec'd last (24th) number of Art Review – It contains a prospectus for a <u>de luxe</u> edition \$7.50 per part.

Dr Welling called & left Miss Ferguson's letter – declined so reading the mss. & thinks we ought to be careful of giving our name to work to be printed.

At Mr Hyde's request called a meeting of the Board for Monday at noon. Object, authority to convey a piece of property.

Mr Hyde called & got certain information from Secy's Record.

V. 54 \$13.50 C. 3 75cts P. \$2.75

#### Novr. 12

Cold, raw and rainy.

Rec'd Novr. "London Art. Journal" & "Portfolio" from B.F. Stevens. Found in the former a woodcut of "St. Patrick's Bell" (in our Elkington Case, with some interesting particulars of its history.

D. Bachrack Jr. Balt. called to consult about the removal of his brother-in-law's (Key^s^er, the sculptor) marble statue of "Psyche" from that city to this place. – this gallery. He will prepay its freight, & I will send to him the bill for hauling from depot, its transfer to the sculpture-hall, & the temporary pedestal, which I will settle. He left the signed "Rules".

Mr Corcoran came in. We conversed about Miss Ferguson's letter, & I told him the what I would reply for myself, & as to him, I could settle the matter by stating his inability from infirm health & pressure of other matters to give her mss. the attention he otherwise would bestow, & bust at the same interest time expressing an interest in her success. He mentioned having rec'd a letter from a Dr Page of N.Y. offering to place in the Gallery a portrait of his wife by Healy. Mr C. thought we had enough pictures by Healy. Mr C. thought we had enough pictures by Healy. At his suggestion I got the letter from Mr Hyde. Dr Page's letter states that he wishes to present the portrait to this Gallery.

V. 210 C. 13 \$3.25 P 75cts

### Novr. 14

Monday. Beautiful, bright Indian summer weather.

Sent note to Mrs. W. P. Thompson, 22 Grant Place, stating she can send her portrait of Josephine to the Trustee's Room.

Mr Rakeman called & on my telling him that the floor of Main Gallery was not satisfactory, he intimated that its slipperiness was owing to the last coat put on it by order of the Asst. Curator, who wished it to be flat.

Letter private from Miss Tunstall in reference to Miss <del>Tunstall's pr.</del> Ferguson's work.

Mr Rice sent up his bill for photos. rendered.

Postal from Henry W. Blanc, 223 Caroudelet St, N. Orleans wishing copies of Last Days of Pompeii, "Endymion", & "Charlotte Corday." Answered by asking which view of the first he wished & ^giving^ prices of all.

Rec'd illustrated catalogue of Pa. Acady's Exhibition, also prospectus of Gen Cesnola's work on "Cyprus".

Meeting of Board

Board met at noon. Prest. Welling, Messrs. Hyde, McGuire, Matthews, Kauffmann, Clarke, Baird, Mr Corcoran also present.

Brainard's portrait of J. Howard Payne by Willard, was declined as the Board does not buy portraits from Daguerreotype as the Board does not buy portraits from daguerreotypes- notified him, also Mr Bittenger that Mrs. Bocock's portrait of Hogarth was declined (over) Mr Clark has rec'd a letter from a convention of Architects & he wishes me to extend an invitation to them to visit this Gallery on some <u>pay-day</u>. He will call tomorrow.

I am authorized to cover anew the Bronze Table with rep.

Mr Taylor came & raised the case of Hildersheim Treasures for Mr Hedgman to clean them.

I informed Mr Corcoran of Miss Tunstall's letter. He will speak about it another day.

V. 48 \$12 C. 3 75cts

### Novr. 15

Cold northwest breeze & clear.

Mr Clark called & I wrote an invitation to Secy Bloor of the American Institute of Architects to visit the Gallery on pay-days. Mr Corcoran thinks Lycett can bind our work on "Designs" well & cheap.

Mr Corcoran called & shewed me Miss Tunstall's letter about Miss Ferguson. Mr C. thinks we ought to add large pictures to Main Gallery.

Miss Thompson sent up her "Josephine Empress," to be here a while.

Mr Wm Mitchell called to examine our Bronx table about a new cover. Will call again. Mr Taylor repaired pedestal of Abundance.

Mr Boardman offers that the Album for photos for \$16.00. Note from Profr Weir, wishing to know what action has been taken on his picture. V. 309 C. 18 \$4.50 P. \$3.00

## Novr. 16

Bright & mild – Indian summer indeed.

Placed Ghiberti's Trial Plate – "Sacrifice of Isaac" in the E. Sculpture Hall near the gate, where it is in a good light.

Postal from Miss Hannah Goldsmith, Charlottesville Va, about a large Corday unmounted. Answered.

Mrs Dorsey began finishing her small "Corday".

Mrs Col. Marston called & stated that her husband consul ^at^ Malaga sends word that a fine old portrait of Isabella (Queen of Ferdinand) of Spain, is for sale at that placeartists' name not given.

Mrs. Fleischmann called & said the price of Borries' picture is \$2,000. Mr Collin will come to attach foot of Hermes, & finish David & F. Mercury. V. 76 \$19.00 C. 9 \$2.25 P. 75

After the closing of Gallery some of the Convention of Architects called & were admitted on card from Mr Corcoran.

Mr Pratt took away two pen & ink drawings by Mrs. Greatorex.

### Novr. 17

Another bright mild autumnal day.

Dr Barbarin returned.

Mr Corcoran send a card with one of the Convention Architect who he said were to be admitted at any time.

Mr Poindexter sent for & obtained the two pen & ink drawings by Mrs Nelson (now his wife).

Miss Beall 120- K. St. called to show a letter from a Mrs Baylor, a daughter of the late Come Wadsworth, who has a Rembrandt which she wishes to sell for the relief of her necessities.

Card from P. S. North, Ga to Mr Corcoran wishing to know if an <u>engraving by Leonardo da Vinci</u>, published by F. Kearney N.Y. from the <u>original by Raphael Morgen</u>, Lord's Supper is of great value?"

Wrote to Profr Weir that not action was yet taken on his picture.

Mr Corcoran called. I read to him my sketch of a letter to Miss Ferguson, which he approved. He changed his mind about declining Dr Page's offer to his wife's portrait to this Gallery, & will answer it himself.

V. 440 C. 20 \$5.00 P. \$1.25

## Nov. 18

Cloudy with signs of rain – storm predicted.

Postal from Wm Spurgeon Balt. asking what evenings the Gallery is opened. Answered.

Had the awnings taken down.

Went to Hooe Bros. with Mr Kauffman & selected an excellent material for copyists' mats 1 yard wide price \$1.00. Also saw the <u>brown linoleum</u> which is liked by Mr Corcoran & Mr Matthews.

Bought from Boardman a small measuring line, with which I made measurements of Greek Slave for Miss Ferguson.

V. 66 + 3 \$16.50 C. 8 \$2.00

#### Nov. 19

Bright & warm with a southern wind in the morning, but a cool northwester with clouds came down in the afternoon.

Mr Clark called. Is opposed to anything being laid on the Main Gallery floor, but prefers the maroon <u>linoleum</u> to others.

## Price of Linoleum

Hooe Bros. will sell the 90 2/3 yds double width (in all 181 1/3 yds square) for 90 cts \$163.20. Went to state cost to Mr Corcoran, but he is in Baltimore.

Mrs. Conaut's "Forgotten Toast."

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Mrs Conaut's "The Forgotten Toast," arrived at 10 a.m. & I paid \$7.00 express charge on it. It is a weak uninteresting work deficient in character, beauty, food drawing.

Mr N.H. Van Zandt called & said a "Christ taken from the Cross" by Quentin Matsyo," which he wishes to sell, and as we don't buy old pictures, wishes to exhibit it.

Letter from Douglas Bell, wishes to get a cabinet-sized photo of Vestal Tuccia – to know its price answered.

Postal from Miss J.A. Spence, Charlottesville Va. wants an unmounted Corday 25 x 33 inches ^for Miss H. Goldsmith.^ Answered.

Wrote to P. G. North Augusta, Ga. about print of "Lord's Supper".

V. 475 C. 16 \$4.00 P \$3.00

### Novr. 21

Bright & pleasantly cool.

Mr. Collin has attached the foot of Hermes to the plinth.

Mr S. Keyser writes that the statue of "Psyche" was shipped from Phila on Saturday & will be here to-day or Tuesday. Wishes to meet me here on Thursday (Thanksgiving). Answered I would be here.

Mr Walters returned applications to sell pictures with endorsements.

Note from Chas. G. Lusk (city) stating Mrs Gen. Ewing would send soon for the picture of her child.

Printed letter (filled up) from B. F. Stevens Esq. London, England requesting me to fill up renewal form of order for renewal of subscription to Art. Journal, Portfolio, & Illustrated news for /82. Did so.

Sent postal to Mr Kauffman to come & examine Miss Conaut's "Forgotten Toast," &c.

Mr Horatio King called & examined the above picture. I told him I paid the freight at which he was surprised & said he would pay it.

Mr Corcoran does not care about buying the picture by Miss Conaut, and when I told him Mr Clark did not think there was need for the linoleum, he agreed with him, as it would cost over \$160.

Mr ^W.C.^ Sanders, artist, whose pictures on Oct 6. were refused exhibition in the Gallery, called with a letter of introduction from Mr Clark & asking me to admit them if suitable." –also a letter from Chas. Lanman. Told Mr S. I could not do anything until I saw the Art Committee & would let him know. Wrote to Mr Clark explaining & to Mr Saunders.

William MacLeod Journal, 1881

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Wrote to Mr Saunders to send his portrait. V. 64 + 5 \$16.00 C. 8 \$2.00 P 75cts

### Novr. 22

Cloudy and somewhat raw.

Letter from Gabriel & Rice 206 Broadway N.Y. enclosing \$2.00 for a copy of "Pastoral Visit" to be mailed. Sent by express, & they were told that was the only secure way.

Note from Mr Keyser Balt. as a bill of lading of "Psyche".

Mr Clark called does not admire the "Forgotten Toast", and approves of the purchase of the Photographic Album for \$16.

Mr Hooe send for sample of his Linoleum.

Major Curtis called & left samples of his water-color views of some of the streets of Washington.

Wrote to Miss Williams to furnish evidences of the authenticity of the Morelli picture.

Note from Miss Emily H. Allen, Providence, R.I. asking if we have a medium-sized "Greek Slave" photo. <u>Answd</u>.

Mr Clark says we can have <u>Jack</u> & his men by sending early for them.

Went to the Criminal Court to-day, & saw Guiteau the assassin. He looks younger than I supposed. He has bad face, but his interruption & manners are not those an unsane man. V. 340 C. 15 \$3.75 P. <... > \$2.00

### Novr. 23

Rainy and raw – very gloomy.

Hooe Bros. sent up a bundle of the fabric selected for copyists' mats. Called attention of copyists to the necessity of each purchasing a portion 6 ft. long by 4 ½ ft broad. 2 width.

Letter from Miss T.J. Conaut Brooklyn expressing regret that the freight on her ^daughter's^ picture had <u>not</u> been <u>prepaid</u>, as she <del>requested</del> ordered, & requests me to enclose to her the bill \$7.00, which I did.

Note from Mrs. J. H. Barhytes Schenectady N. Y. enclosing 1 dollar for catalogue & requesting change to be sent her in it in a wrapper. Did so, sending <u>one</u> 50ct. & 2 10cts notes, <u>currency</u> and 5 cts in stamps.

Note from Mr Geo. Gebbie Phila. requesting a catalogue, sent & wrote.

Note from H.W. Robbins artist, acknowledging catalogue. Wrote to him.

Mr Moses again sent up his bill for \$70.

Sent card to Mr King, stating it was all right about the Conaut Frt. bill.

Mr Mitchell sent up rep for Bronze Table – Mr Taylor began to replace the old one,  $25 \frac{1}{4}$  yds. @  $$1.37 \frac{1}{2}$ .

Mr Adams called & took away his Teniers.

Letter from Henry W. Blane new Orleans, enclosing \$2.25 for copies of Corday, Forced Prayer & <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Napoleon – Sent them & <u>wrote</u>.

The two cases containing Psyche & Pedestal arrived before noon, being brought by Knox's Express.

Mr Clark sent Jack & 4 men by 'Mr' Miller who soon got the cases from the heavy rain into modern Gallery, opened & set up the pedestal & prepared the box of statue for tomorrow's work.

Sent note to Mr Hyde asking if the gallery would be open tomorrow, & if so, could it be closed 3 p. m. He consulted Mr Corcoran who sent me word by Dr Tyler that the buildding could be closed to the public, if the Board did not object. Telephoned to Mr Kauffmann for his opinion, which was in favor of closing, so I sent proper notice to the papers.

V. 33 + 1 \$8.25 C. 5 \$1.25 P. \$2.25

## Nov. 24

Clear & very cold – the coldest day of the season.

Thanksgiving Day & a holiday.

Mr Taylor at work all day covering the Bronze Table.

Came to the Gallery & Jack & his men soon after appeared and set up the marble <u>Psyche</u>. it was very dirty. It has some good points. The general design of the figure is graceful, and the upper part of the body well modeled & beautiful particularly the arms hands & bust, but the legs are, though natural, too full & commonplace for such an <u>ideal</u> figure. The knees are <u>fat</u> & <u>knobby</u>, so unlike the fine articulations & dimples in those of the Clytie & Thorwaldsen Venus.

Mr Keyer called & paid \$3.00 for drayage, & wrote to the Trustees offering the statue for \$2,000. I will send the bill for <u>Jack</u>'s services.

# Novr. 25

Friday. Very cold weather to-day.

Had "Psyche" washed & draped the wall behind.

Mr Taylor finished covering the bronze table yesterday evening & then reversed the position of the Hildersheim case, so as to show the <u>unfaded</u> side of the <u>rep</u> to the window. He them measured the windows near the B. Table, where I will place the small bronzes in a case for protection. Taking them from the table improves the effect of the large bronzes very much.

Rep used for B. Table

Measured the rep left. We used 11 ¾ yards out of 25 ¼ yds leaving 13 ½ yds to be returned. Cost of what we got \$18. Wrote to Mitchell to take away remnant, & send his bill.

Mr Corcoran called & was pleased with the Bronze Table. He also saw the Psyche, & told an amusing story of a lady at a sale where a picture of Psyche was for sale, having stated her intention to wait until the Fishee was sold!

Mr Rice sent up the photos to replace those rejected, and several others, 1 Endymion (small) yet due. <u>43</u> single figure Vestals accepted. Hooe Bros. has ordered the material for mats.

V. 76 + 5 \$19.00 C. 9 \$2.25 \$3.75

### Nov. 26

Bright, bracing, & not so cold as yesterday.

Postal note from Mrs. T. J. Conaut, Brooklyn, enclosing a cheque for \$7.00 for freight on her daughter's picture. Acknowledged.

Wrote to Miss Ferguson Va. & sent her mss by mail.

Mr Corcoran came in with Mrs. Wigfall (late Miss Genevieve Welling). The latter looks well, & Mr C. does not appear so, though he was in good spirits in going through the galleries with her.

Hermes

She was delighted with the appearance of the group of Barye Bronzes now, the table being rid a private copy of the Hermes in the New York, and that she saw the original in Rome. She was surprised when I wa told her on Gen Cl Cesnola's authority, that the original was not in Berlin, as she supposed, but in Greece.

Mrs. Horatio King & Miss Osborne came & examined the "Forgotten Toast".

V. 502 C. 19 \$4.75 P \$3.75

### **Nov. 28**

Monday.

Bright & mild, like yesterday an Indian summer day.

Invitation from Henry Lerr (?) 253 5th Av. N.Y. to visit & examine a new importation of articles of vertu.

Letter from Bertha Von Hillern, Strasburg Va. offering to exhibit one of her paintings (now in Penn Academy) in this Gallery. This is the German girls who some years ago made a reputation as a <u>walker</u> – some money too. Wrote & enclosed "Regulations".

Dr Page's wife's portrait by Healy

Mr Corcoran sent up two letters for filing – one from Dr R. C. M. Page, N.Y. (31. West 33d st.) stating he had sent from his house that morning (26th.) the portrait of his wife by Healy, for this Gallery, which Mr Corcoran had consented to accept as a gift to the institution.

Mrs. J.B. Clay, will in the spring, send fu he 3 pictures.

The other letter was from Mrs. James B. Clay to Mr C. saying he will not sell either of her three paintings new here, but will send for them in the Spring: also asking as to how she can get them. Wrote to her. <u>Lock box 480. Lexington Ky</u>.

Mr Koehler, Beech Glen Avenue, Roxbury, Boston Mass. by postal card asks for copy of the Catalogue. Sent it.

Sent away Dr Paxton's portrait by Andrews.

Mrs. O. H. Lackey called & asked permission to place on exhibition a very large view of Constantinople. Her address.

Mr F. B. McGuire & Mr Colegate called. They like the Psyche in many respects.

Mr Kauffman called objected to giving privilege of copying to Mr Gibson, does not like the Forgotten Toast, but admires much of the psyche. Mr Corcoran came in at the same time, & he expressed his wish to have fine large pictures for the Gallery, but the foreign bought from dealers here, were too costly. Mr K. suggested that one of the Art Committee should successively go to Europe for that purpose at his own expense. Mr Corcoran hinted that another monument was afoot to get Admiral's lot, but would not say more about it.

The box containing Mrs Dr Page's portrait arrived from N.Y. Paid freight \$7.60 It is nearly full length & represents a large lusty women in black silk (with hoops) bare arms & simply parted hair. The face is commonplace but expressive. The whole picture is in Healy's vigorous style, with fine color from the rich accessories of curtain & flowers. It was painted in 1859. It will look well in the Gallery.

V. 46 + 11 \$11.50 C. 8 \$2.00

### Novr. 29

Cloudy and raw.

Mr Clark called early. He admires the Page portrait very much, and also the Psyche. which he is disposed to buy as an encouragement to a good artist.

C. Miles Pike, sculptor, Mass. brought a marble medallion of Garfield which I let him exhibit a while in the Bronze Hall. He took 'it' away at 2 p.m. It was taken from a photograph.

Mrs Reading, daughter & niece called.

Note from Miss E. H. Allen, Providence. Says she will not order small Corday now. Will examine them here this winter.

Another note from Miss Goldsmith, requesting me to send an unmounted Corday large size, a catalogue & for these encloses a money order for \$1.83. Sent for the photo to Rice, who will send one up in a couple of days. Sent the catalogue, & a postal explaining delay in the photo.

Mr Adkins agent for G. Barrie Phila. met Mr Corcoran here & showed Mr Corcoran specimens of the photo gravures pf "Masterpieces of French Art". Mr C. did not subscribe.

Mr C. likes the Page portrait, & at his request I am to acknowledge its arrival to Dr Page. Got the \$7.60 from Mr Hyde which I paid on above picture.

Got Mr Loughran to write to N.Y. for price of case for bronzes.

V. 312 C. 15 \$3.75 P. \$1.50

### Novr. 30

Cloudy & mild with some rain.

Wrote to Dr. C.M. Page N.Y. acknowledging arrival of his wife's portrait. 31. West 33d. St. New York.

Find the screen in Main Gallery sky-light to work better.

Messrs Hooe Bros. sent word that the material ordered for copyists' mats has been rec'd. I wrote a circular & sent it to each copyist, as the express order of the Committee giving the dimensions, & the place where they can be obtained with price, \$3.00 each.

Took Mrs. Page's portrait & hung it beside the "Freedom"- removing "Sheepshearing" to where the "Shaft" stood, & placing the latter where the former stood. Hung the "Forgotten Toast" in the East Gallery.

V. 48 + 2 \$12.00 C. 3 75cts P. 75cts

### Decr. 1

Heavy rain last night & this morning: but cleaned off bright & cooler before noon.

Rec'd from the Census Bureau, a pamphlet of statistical forms to be filled up with the various points of information about this institution –its origin, history, its purposes, works of art &c. Sent a card stating it would be ready by Monday Decr. 1st.

Mr Atkins agent for G. Barrie called to show a cheaper copy of "Masterpieces" on Plain Paper - \$1,000, & left a fine copy of Detaille's Marching Regiment (photogravure for Mr Corcoran to see.

Left at 3.p.m to settle private business.

V. 235 C. 11 \$2.75 P \$1.50

### Decr. 2

Bright & mild, delicious weather.

Dr Colburn brought a picture by Miss Fanny Colburn <u>aged 12 years</u> of a kitten & rabbit from life, which he wishes hung in the gallery. It certainly is a creditable work for so young a person, if it <u>be</u> all her work.

Letter from Mr Healy artist, 106. N. Charles St. Baltimore, requesting me to forward his two pictures to the Park W. Hotel, N. York by the 15th. Decr.

Wrote to know if he wishes them there before 15th. or at any time previous, told him I have \$20. of his money to pay expenses of freight &c.

Capt Crowninshield U.S.N. called with a friend to see his pictures.

Mr F. B. McGuire & afterwards Mrs. Colegate (Dr Hall's half-sister) called.

Mr Clark called & brought a volume of Reports from Story the sculptor & others upon the French Exposition 1878, as ordered by the Government.

V. 77 + 7 \$19.25 C. 11 \$2.75

## Decr. 3

Cloudy & somewhat raw.

Letter from Mr Keyser Balt. asking for copy of the paper (here) containing a notice of the <u>Psyche</u>, which he wants to send to his cousin, also the bill for expenses in moving it into the Gallery. Wrote him.

A Mr Cleary asked me to learn from Mr Healy, if he is willing to sell his portrait of Cardinal McClosky, & at what price. There is a copy of it by Healy, in this city, at a private house. Wrote to Healy about it.

B. B. Bailey, Appling Ga. writes for a catalogue of Photos.

Received from Mr Rice an unmounted photograph of Charlotte Corday, and sent it with postal to Miss Hannah Goldsmith Charlottesville Va.

Wrote to Mrs. W.P. Thompson 22 Grant Place, requesting her to take away her copy of portrait of Empress Josephine.

V. 405 C. 26 \$6.50 P. \$9.25

### Decr. 5

Cloudy but mild.

Dr Barbarin too unwell to remain left at 10 a.m.

Private letter from Mr Koehler Roxbury.

Saw Mr Kauffmann about the copyists' complaint against purchasing their own mats. He agrees with me that the order must be executed unless they appeal to the Board or Committee.

Mr Fowler Tenn. called.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Story called. He saw the photogravure of the "Marching Regiment". He tells me a Mr Heed artist in the old quarters of Mr. Healy, in the Corcoran Building has several pictures he wishes to exhibit here. He will call.

Mr James Walker artist called.

Have unfortunately lost my gold-framed glasses.

V. 35 \$8.75 C. 5 \$1.25 P. \$1.00

### Decr. 6

Frosty and raw. This morning the Ther. stood at 7 a.m. <u>29</u>°.! With one exception the coldest place in the country!

Mr F. B. McGuire & Quincy Ward sculptor, called. The latter admired the "Hermes" very much. He came in to study Schaeffer's portrait of Lafayette and will take Jo. Wood's copy of it (belonging to Mrs Lindsley) to New York with him. I will meet him at Mr Mr McGuire's to dine wither there at 5 p.m.

Mr Corcoran came in & I read to him Mr Koehler's letter. Owing to want of room nothing can be done in the matter.

Dr Colburn called & left several pencil drawings by the little Miss Colburn who painted the cat and rabbit from life.

Dr Barbarin came about noon.

Advertised for my lost glasses, but have heard nothing.

V. 265 C. 16 \$31.95 P. \$1.50

## Decr. 7

Rainy in the early morning. Raw & cloudy all day.

Postal from Mr Keyser, Balt. enclosing 5 photos. of Psyche, for Trustees. Acknowledged.

No word yet of my lost glasses.

Have stirred the copyists about the mats.

Sent card to Miss Lombard asking her to call.

Note from B. Perley Poore to correct list of Officers of the Gallery. Did so, & returned it.

At 1 ½ Miss Tunstall, Mrs Ross, & Miss Buford with Mr Corcoran came in. The former looks well & they were all delighted with the Gallery & the new works. Miss T. leaves for Lynchburg tomorrow.

Mr Moody is finishing Mrs Wards' "Talking Well".

V. 70 + 11 \$17.50 C 11 \$2.75 P. \$2.25

## Decr. 8

Bright with a cool bracing wind.

Letter from Bertha Von Hillern, Strasburg Va. stating the "<u>Regulations</u>" had not been rec'd. Sent them in a letter.

Sent Photographic Album to Boardman to have title on back.

Gave to Mr Hyde, per request of Mr Corcoran, the filled up tables from the Census Bureau calling for statistical information about this Gallery. He is to show to Mr Corcoran what I have stated in them.

Mr Corcoran called expecting to meet here the ladies he brought here yesterday – Misses Tunstall & party.

Wrote to C. F. Rau to make show case for our bronzes. Round top of glass, & walnut frame, to cost \$15.00.

Sent some photos to Mrs Colegate.

Mr Collin, sculptor, brought his bill for joining & repairing statues \$25.00 – rather big – but the work was well done.

V. 470 C. 24 \$6.00 P. \$3.75

# Decr. 9

Bright and mild.

Letter sent to P. S. North, Augusta, Ga. returned by P.O.

Letter from Mr Keyser, enclosing newspaper notice of his cousin & Psyche, & asking about prospect of sale. Wrote to him. Sent a notice of the statue to the "Star".

Letter from Healy artist, Park Av: Hotel N.Y. price of Cardinal Mr Closky \$1500. Would like his case (picture?) to remain here until he writes for them. Wrote to him.

Mr Gibson came & was told that the Art Committee did not consider his picture entitled him to copy here. He took it away.

Mr Rice sent up two photos 12 x 16 – Sent one to Mrs. Colegate to whom I sent others.

Mr Hardenburgh M.C. told me he has Cole's "Dream of Arcadia" (which I saw in his studio in 1845) & stated that id we wished it, he would send it for exhibition.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Tunstall called for only a moment.

Mr McLain called & had a patent cement with which to repair outside stonework. Referred him to Mr Clark.

V. 112 + 14 \$28.00 C. 11 \$2.75 P. 75cts

## Dec. 10

Bright and pleasantly cool.

Sent photos to Mrs Colegate, & to Rice for more large (figure) Vestals.

Mr Hyde telephoned that Judge Cox had inquired when <u>Guiteau's</u> Jury, could visit the Gallery. Replied that either before ten a. m. or after 4.p.m.

Census Office, income of the Gallery \$66,000

Got from Mr Hyde the <u>Census Tables</u> approved by Mr Corcoran as filled up by me, and stating that last year's income of the Gallery was \$66,000, which I added & sent them to the Census Office.

Miss Capion, & Mrs Galt (relative of the sculptor) called. I introduced them to Mr Corcoran.

A gentleman called & said there was in Trenton an old painting of the "Death of Norma" by Boraccio. It is about 8 feet long, & belonged to Hon Mr Brewer M.C.

Through Maj. Elliott Engr. Corps was engaged to copy for a lawyer (Mr Blennerhassett) a view of Fort Dearborn Chicago in <u>1820</u>. It is needed for the use of a lawsuit, wherein the Chicago river is shown flowing in a way different from what it does now. It is beautifully executed by the lat Gen (then Lieut Eastman U. S. A. what is now Chicago, was 'then' a half dozen houses & one church near the fort!

V. 625 C 26 \$6.50 P. \$3.25

### Decr 12.

Monday. Rainy and raw.

Yesterday (Sunday) was attacked with a sore throat, and cold on my lungs, with feverishness that I was unable to go to the Gallery. Sent word to Dr Barbarin.

Mr Titian R. Peale called.

V. 56 + 2 \$14.00 C 8 \$2.00 P. \$2.25

### Decr 13

Weather still unfavorable.

Find myself too ill to leave the house.

Mr Clark called & requested Mr Keyser ^to be told^ that Psyche was placed in the building without charge, but that he must remove it at his own expense.

Mailed a "Corday" to Mr Chs. Pease Council Bluff, Iowa.

V. 335 C. 10 \$2.50 P. \$3.00

### Decr. 14

Weather unfavorable to my leaving the house, as my cold on the lungs, is very bad, & cough incessant.

Worked away at my copy of Eastman's Fort Dearborn, Chicago.

Mrs Ward brought into the Trustees Room, her copy of the "Talking Well" – execrably done!

V. 78 + 5 \$19.50 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$2.25

#### Decr. 15

Still confined to the house.

Dr Barbarin wrote by my direction that to Mr Healy has better let his pictures remain on the walls here, until he wanted them.

A G. S. F. Desmith wrote for photos. –told him to send money.

Letter from to Mr Williams to send his picture.

Acknowledged receipt of Mrs. E. Thompson's letter.

Mr Corcoran called – the first time this week.

Mr Clark sent a Mr Geo. McLaine to fill up the crevices in the front steps, with a patent cement.

Genl. Norton called to see Mr MacLeod.

V. 350 C 16 \$4.00 P. \$3.75

### Decr. 16

Weather. I am still confined to the house.

Mr Kauffman called & is opposed to passing Mrs. Ward's copy of the "Talking Well," but of Mr Clark is in favor of it he will agree.

Dr. Welling called & strenuously opposes the passing pf Mrs Wand's "Talking Well." He asked if the "Hermes" is to be photographed. It is after the holidays.

Sent the copy of "Fort Dearborn" to Maj. Elliott.

V. 69 + 7 \$17.25 C. 6 \$1.50 P. \$3.75

#### **Decr. 17**

Am better, but will not go out before Monday next.

McLaine engaged in repairing front steps, but is doing more than was authorized.

V. 450 C. 21 \$5.25 P. \$2.25

## Decr. 19

Bright & afterwards cloudy.

Went to the Gallery, but feel very weak, & cough still.

Mr Taylor brought the case for the small bronzes, & set it up. It serves admirably.

Placed in the library the copy of "Famous Sculptors" by Mrs Shedd, which she present s to the Gallery. Sent copies of the new photos. to her, with a letter.

Mr Walker artist, called & invited me to call at his studio in the Capitol to see his picture if the "2d Artillery" – which he says greatly interested the French visitors.

Found the upper gallery too cold for me to remain there.

V. 72 \$18.00 C. 5 \$1.25 P. \$1.50

### Dec. 20

Mild & raw.

Went to the Gallery at 1 ½ p. m. very weak, but better.

Mr Corcoran did not like Miss Ninnios "Fisher Boy" copy.

Cashed Mr cheque for \$2.50.

Ordered fifty copies of 12 x 16 Corday from Rice.

Dr Colburn called for Miss Lockwood's sketches.

### Recd from Rice 3

Paid Dr Jouy on a/c \$30.

Ordered 2 Record & one Cash book from Boardman.

Rec'd from Rice 2 large Vestals & 8 small "P. Visits".

From Dr Jouy 24 "Lost Dogs".

V. 270 C. 18 \$4.50 P. \$10.50

### Decr. 21

Mild & rainy.

Feeling somewhat better, went to the Gallery 10 ½ a. m.

Sorted photos from Rice & Jouy.

Dr Barbarin left at 1 ½.p.m.

Heavy rains through the day, so fearing to get wet by going home by cars, I accepted Dr Colegrove's kind invitation to ac ride home in his carriage.

Gen Eaton & two English gentlemen called, and went through the Gallery.

Wrote to Mr Clark asking him to call soon & decide the fate of many copyists' pictures, in our office.

V. 56 + 6 \$14.00 C 4 \$1.00 \$4.50

#### Dec. 22

Weather mild & rainy.

My cough & debility are too troublesome for me to venture out. I feel quite discouraged.

Mr Kauffman called. He agrees to the Gallery purchasing mats for the copyists, & they must use them. He will see Mr Clark, & appoint a day for meeting him here for Art Committee purpose.

Mr Janus wishes to exhibit two portraits here.

B. F. McGuire called.

V. 160 C. 13 \$3.25 P. \$9.75

#### Decr. 23

Weather rough & windy, though rain.

A hard rain last night, & several leaks are in M. Gallery.

Mr Clark called. He agrees to pass Mrs. Ward's copy of the "Talking Well". Telephoned this to Mr Kauffmann who will not approve, but says nothing.

Mr Clark Mills called.

Mrs Dorsey brought her small copy of "Corday" into the office to be passed upon. It is paid for.

Sent for Dr Ashford who advised me to remain housed until Monday. He prescriptions relieved me much.

V. 46 + 3 \$11.50 C 3 75cts P. 50cts

### Decr. 24

Clear & pleasant.

Dr Ashford thought I could venture out in the afternoon; did so & felt better.

Mrs. Colegrove took away her picture of "Preparing for Church" on Wednesday Dec. 2d.

Mr Corcoran came in at 12.40.

Mrs. Dorsey called for her picture, but as it had not been examined, could not let it go.

V. 304 C 10 \$2.50 P. \$1.75

## Decr. 25

Sunday. Christmas.

Weather bright & beautiful. Too weak to go to church took a short walk, & remained housed the rest of the day.

The fine weather caused much drunkenness & fighting.

## **Decr. 26**

Monday. A general holiday, Gallery closed. Cloudy and mild.

Letter from Mr Healy wishing his "Cardinal" sent to him - & "Thursby" to remain here until next spring.

Complimentary letter from A.S. Hooker of "Troy (N.J.) Gazette" about my catalogue, as the best he ever saw, but suggesting that the Gallery issue photos, (& stereoscopic) of antique statuary to improve public taste. Will answer soon that we have anticipated his advice.

Letter from R. T. Woodward Salem, Roanoke Co. Va asking for 6 unmounted photos of "Corday" & enclosing \$2.40 in money order.

Saw Rice & ordered the above photos.

Long & interesting letter from Miss Ferguson of Va. about her work.

### **Decr. 27**

Warm, rainy, but clear in the afternoon. The office too cold.

Mr Corcoran's 83d. birth-day & reception at the "Louise Home" at 8.p.m.

Mr Corcoran's birth-day completing his 83d. year. He came in at 1 p.m. looking remarkably well. Inquired if I had recovered & invited ^me^ to attend his Annual Reception at the Louise Home at 8 p.m. on my intimating that perhaps the weather might prevent me, he said "Well I ought not to go out either, but then you know if I don't go, it will be like the play of Hamlet, without Hamlet." He attended at 8 p.m. & received the throngs of his friends in his usual gallant & sprightly style. He did not move round much, but remained seated in the parlor, until 11 o'clock. The company was a distinguished one, & it gratified me to meet there so many of my old friends & contemporaries. There were about 20 of the old inmates or "guests" of the "Home" present.

Rec'd six photos of Corday (12 x 16) from Rice, & sent them to R. F. Woodward Salem, Roanoke Co. Va. with a letter.

Got Mr Taylor to box "Cardinal" & sent it by express to Mr Healy with a letter. The expressman came for it late in the evening, & the freight was not prepaid as I intended.

Dr Colburn brought a large painting by Miss Lockwood called "He's coming, representing two Italian girls looking out for an invisible him. It has much merit, but is very faulty in drawing & color of the faces.

Letter from Wilson McDonald. Will be here soon. Asks for "Napoleon" & "Lost Dogs". Sent them.

Mr F. Lamb, formerly a frame maker here) called. He has moved to the city from his farm

Mr Heade artist called, & urged me to call & see his pictures.

V. 700 C. 46 \$9.22 75cts

### Decr. 28

Warm & very mild & bright.

I feel much better to-day. The Reception at the "Home" not hurting me in the least. At the Gallery at 10.40 a.m.

Was shocked to find such serious leaks in the main Gallery, & cornice of west gallery.

Mr Flaherty had his men to examine the roof. \$190. have been spent during the past year in repairing the roof, which suggests an entirely new one.

Barlow's order & bill \$

William MacLeod Journal, 1881

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Mr Barlow sent for 3 large Cordays. Sent them & his bill for them & those got in August, requesting him to settle it next week- \$.

Went to call on Mr Heade artist. His specialty is flowers – and these he paints very well. He is averse to sending them to the gallery for exhibition, but would like to exhibit his "Seal Island on the California Coast" a large but not very fine picture – for \$1200.

Mr Corcoran & Mr Kauffmann called, also Mr & Mrs. Wigfall – She is anxious to have photo of <u>Hermes</u>, address 64. Oak St.

Mr Brainard called & took away daguerreotype of J. Howard Payne.

Mr Andrews called with his niece Miss Means, who will draw from casts.

Mrs O.H. Lackey U.S.N. called again about her "View of Constantinople" by her uncle Da Moutalon, which she wishes to exhibit here. Explained to her that for the present, had no space for it. but will provide one after the Annual Meeting.

Miss Patterson called.

Mr Jones, nephew to Senator Voorhees, called & inquired about the Pulaski Bust – what I thought it worth. I stated that the offer of \$250 by the Board was declined by Mr J.J. Stewart, agent of the owner. He states he is satisfied that the Library Committee in 1857 ordered it from the sculptor for \$2500! But if that Committee does not buy it, the owner Col. Pickett who is paralytic, would like to sell it to this Gallery.

V. 133 \$28.25 C. 7 \$1.75 P. 25cts

### Dec. 29

Mild & cloudy. Health much improved.

Find that the leak in the northwest angle of the cornice of the West P. Gallery, has extended into the adjoining corner of the Main Gallery, obliterating the name of on the west tablet of the corner. Think is a bad matter, & we may have to record worse cases.

Postal from Pfeiffer & Co. 79. Nassau St. N.Y. to know largest size of Corday photo, & the "trade price", that northern dealers were charged the same price as the public.

Terms for English Periodicals in /82

Letter from B.T. Stevens ^4. Trafalgar Square^ London, England, enclosing invoice for subscriptions to the Illustd. News, "Portfolio" & "Art Journal" £ 5.2.0 in all − The former is 16cts less. £ 1.16.0. ↑"News"↓ £ 1.13.0 ↑Portfolio↓ £ 1.13.0 ↑Art Journal↓.

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Payments monthly to Tice & Lynch  $34 \frac{1}{2}$  Pine St N.Y. as the subsn for  $\frac{824.98}{12}$ , that for  $\frac{82}{12}$  is  $\frac{924.82}{12}$  is  $\frac{924.98}{12}$ .

Wrote to Mr Corliss, Penna Acady of Fine Arts, Mr T. Addison N.Y. Acady of Design, & Miss Hallowell for information about the cost &c of illustrations in Catalogues.

Letter from John H. Niemeyer, Profr. Drawing in the Yale School of Fine Arts, asking to know how he could get casts from Italy, to borrow catalogues of such.

V. 500 C. 30 \$7.50 P. \$3.75

#### Decr. 30

Cloudy & cold. Signs of snow – some fell in the afternoon.

Letter to me as Norman MacLeod, from Mr F. Waller Corresponding Secy. of Art-Students' League N.Y. asking for copy of last report, list of officers &c. Wrote him & sent catalogue.

Letter from C. F. Ran. Balt. Case for bronzes will be shipped on Jan. 3d. It will be of the size furnished him when here -5 ft  $4\frac{1}{4}$  long -1ft. 41.4 in deep & 17 in high - and not 3 ft  $10\frac{1}{4}$  long &  $15\frac{1}{2}$  in deep, & 17 in high, as I wrote him. He is right, & so I wrote him.

Letter from McDonald, sculptor. Thinks the idea of taking the bust of the President a good one, & may come on. The photos. had not arrived.

Mr Kauffmann called. He is in favor of making the Copyists' Regulations more stringent.

Mrs. Ward came & put her name on her "Talking Well".

Mr Flaherty reports the leak in Main & West Gallery to be in the valley, repaired by him last year.

Miss Chesney called to look at Miss Lockwood's picture. She conversed sometime about the Venus of Melos & Stillman's article, which she does not adopt.

Wrote to J.H. Niemeyar, New Haven & loaned 2 Brucciani catalogues. V. 86 + 3 C. 6 \$1.50 P. \$3.15

## Decr. 31

Bright, cold & windy from the northwest, but as the day advanced pleasantly coolbracing weather.

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Letter Postal from Pfeiffer & Bro. N.Y. ordering 1 copy of Corday 18 x 22, & 1 copy of Fun & Fright. 18 x 22- Sent former & the latter 12 x 16. Wrote & sent bill.

Letter from Mr Healy stating that the "Cardinal" had safely arrived.

Postal from R. F. Woodward Salem Va. stating he had ordered photos of Corday (unmounted) 11 x 16, and those I sent are "four four". Answered he had mistaken what I wrote him, that 12 x 16. was the size mentioned. I will send the 18 x 22 if he likes, but if dissatisfied told him to return those I sent.

Mr Titian Peale called. Will ask permission of the Board at Annual Meeting, to exhibit here the portrait of Lord Baltimore, if he does not sell it to Congress.

Mr Edgar Allen of Va. & Profr. Summers of Washington called.

Mr J.C. McGuire called. He has been very ill & looks badly.

Mr Corcoran & Miss – called. He took away the colored print that came with the Christmas "Illustrated News". V. 900! C. 20 \$5.00 P. \$1.75

Thus ends this Record of 1881! A bright, calm end!